

# EMBRYOLOGY OF HEART - 1

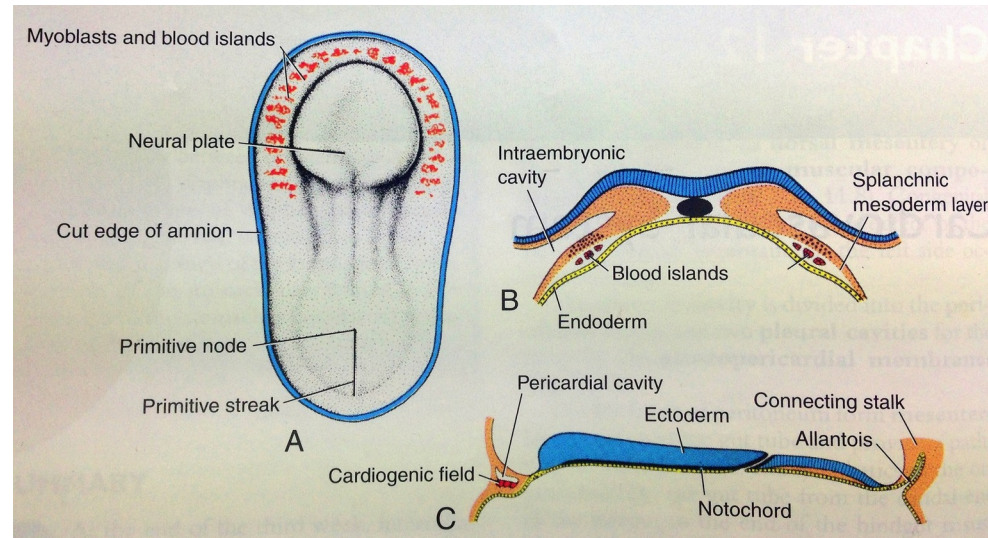
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# Headings covered

- Establishment of cardiogenic field
- Formation of heart tube
- Formation of cardiac loop
  
- Development of sinus venosus
- Atrial septa formation
- Differentiation of atria
- AV canal septal formation
- AV valves
- Conus & Truncus septa formation
- Ventricular septa formation
- Semilunar valves
- Conduction system

# Establishment of cardiogenic field

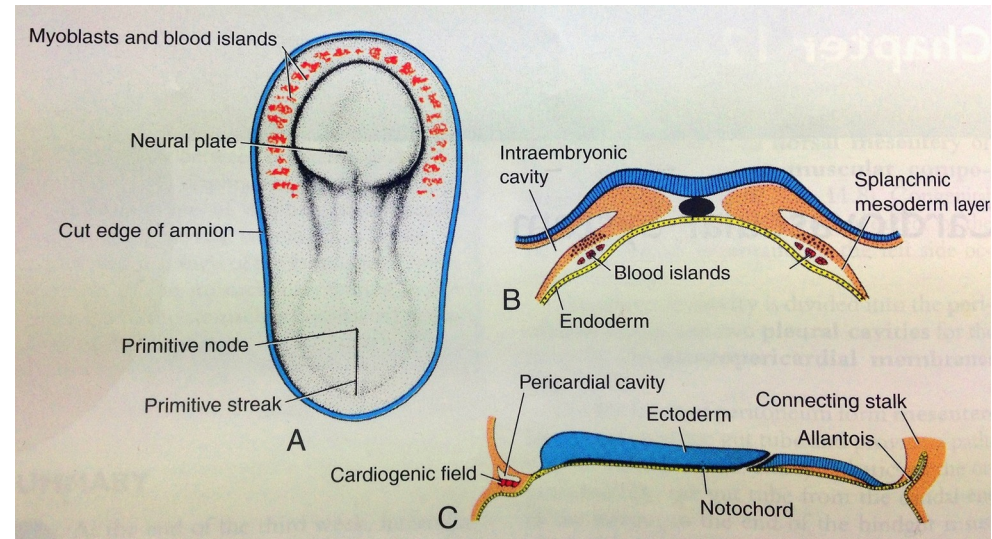
- Vascular system appears in middle of 3<sup>rd</sup> week
- Cardiac progenitor cells lie in the **epiblast** lateral to the primitive streak
- Migrate & reside in the splanchnic layer of the lateral plate mesoderm
- Induced by pharyngeal endoderm to form cardiac myoblasts



AT 18 DAYS

# Establishment of cardiogenic field

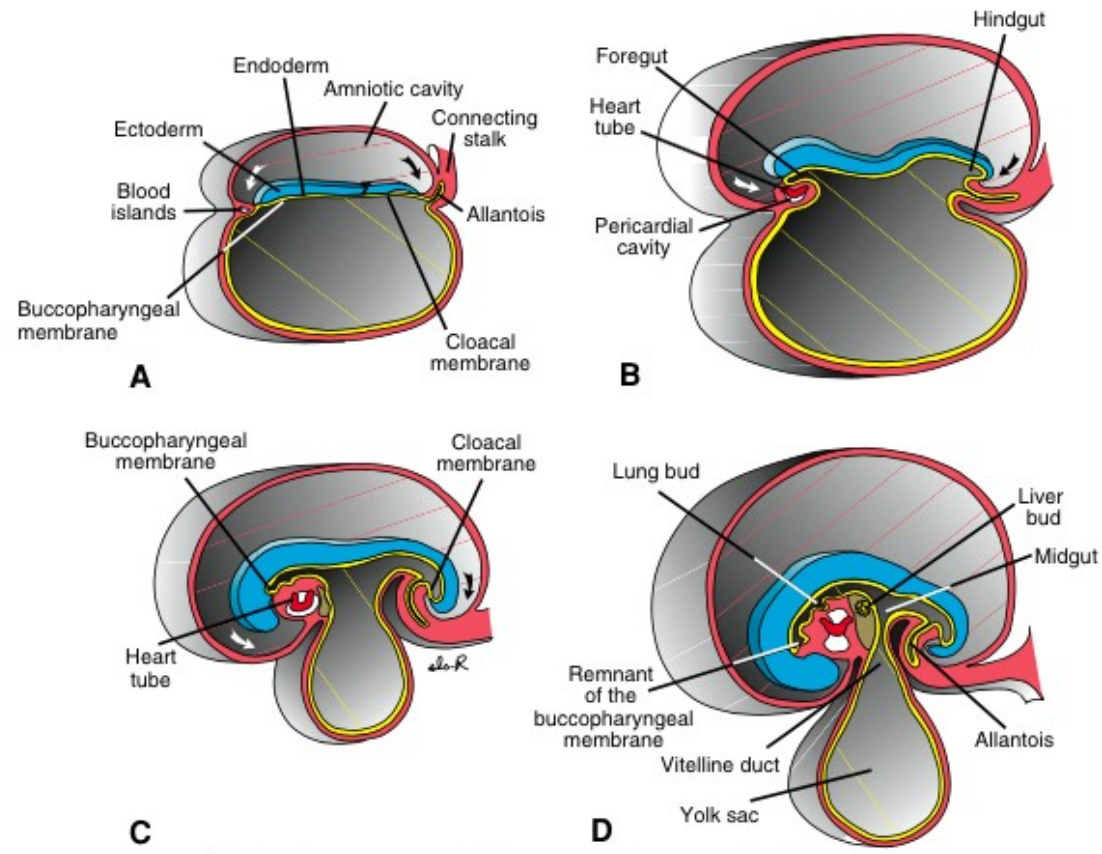
- Blood islands appear in mesoderm
- Islands unite and form **horse-shoe shaped endothelial-lined tube** surrounded by myoblasts.
- This region is called **CARDIOGENIC FIELD**



**AT 18 DAYS**

# Formation & position of heart tube

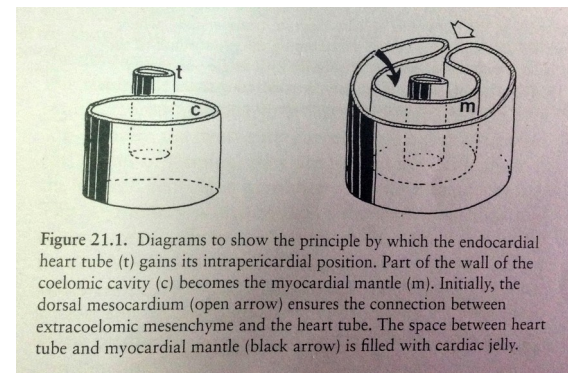
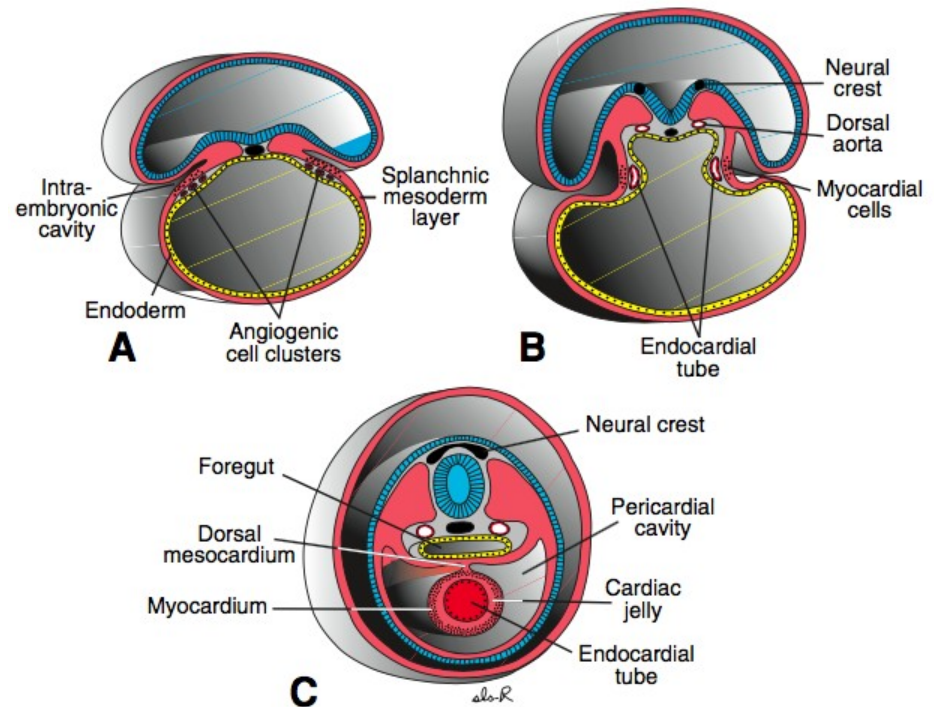
- Initially, cardiogenic area is **anterior** to the Buccopharyngeal membrane & neural plate
- CNS** grows cephalad very rapidly
- Hence BP membrane is





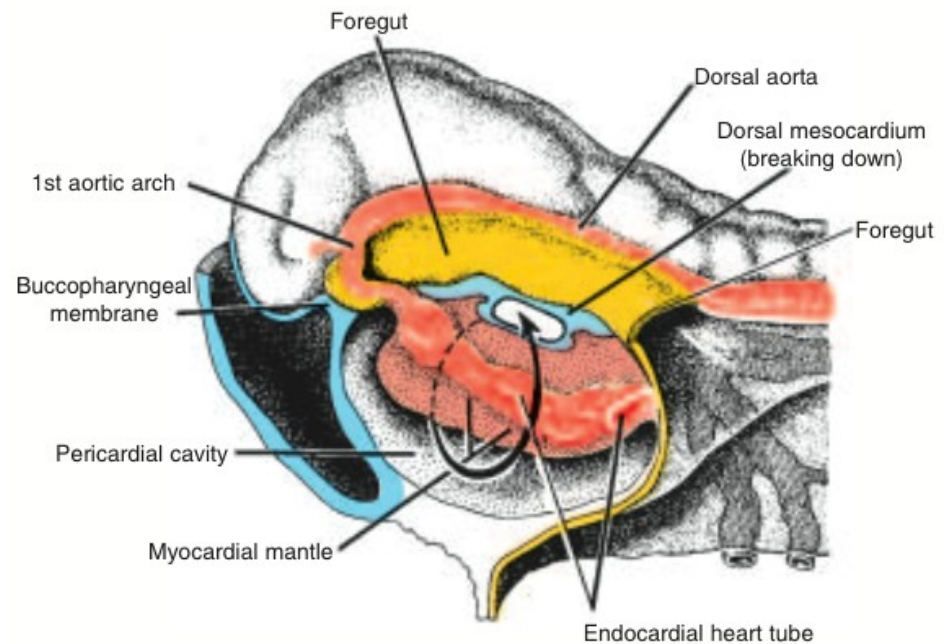
# Formation & position of heart tube

- Part of wall of coelomic cavity becomes the **myocardial muscle**
- The dorsal mesocardium ensures the connection between extracoelomic mesenchyme and the heart tube
- Space between myocardial mantle & heart tube is filled with **cardiac jelly**



# Formation & position of heart tube

- Tube attached to dorsal side of pericardial cavity by a fold of **DORSAL MESOCARDIUM**
- Dorsal mesocardium – transverse pericardial sinus



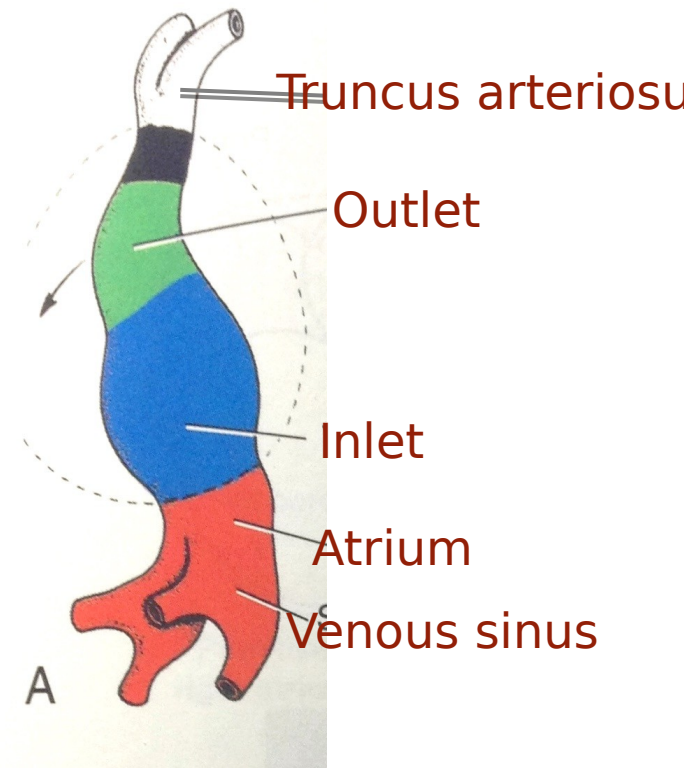
# Development of heart

- **Myocardium** thickens and secretes ECM rich in hyaluronic acid
- **Epicardium** from mesothelial cells
  - on surface of septum transversum
  - in outflow tract region
- **Coronary artery** endothelium & smooth muscle from
  - Epicardial layer



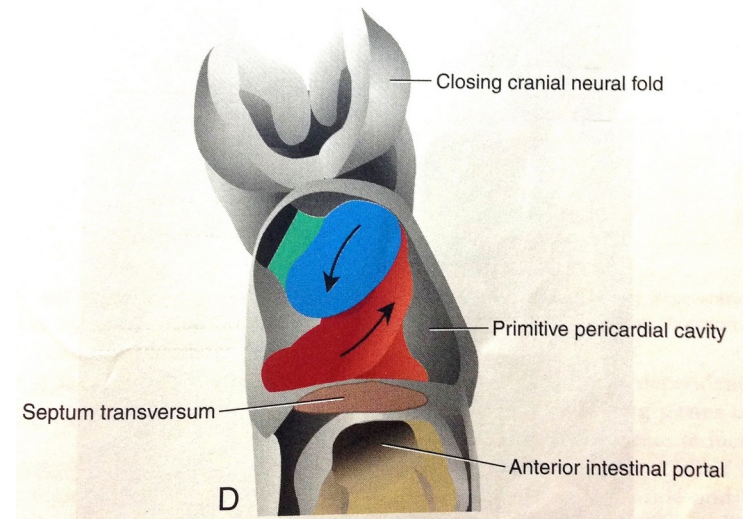
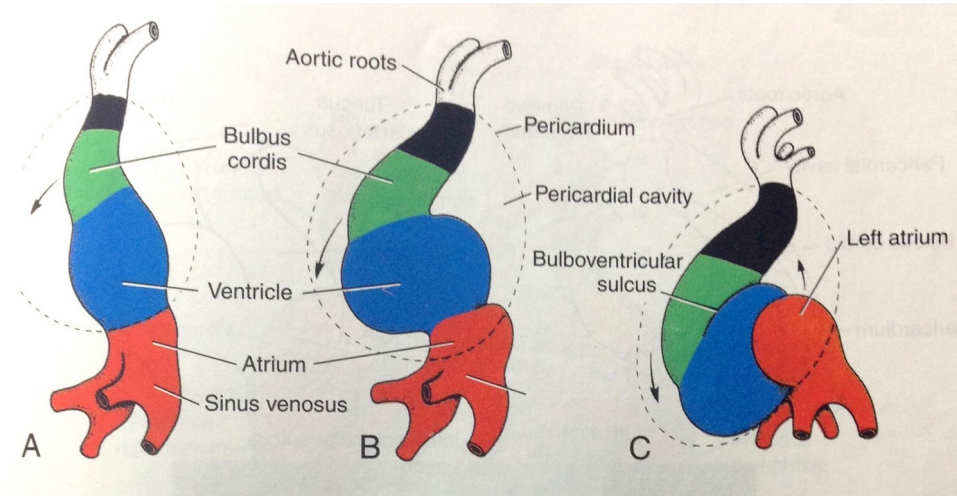
# Primitive cardiac segments

- On basis of **constrictions** in myocardial mantle
- Myocardium at junctions described as **sphincters** (Benninghoff)
- Within the heart these junctional zones are demarcated by “**endocardial cushions**” derived from cardiac jelly



# Formation of cardiac loop

- Elongates and bends on **day 23**
- Cephalic portion :-  
Ventrally, caudally & to right
- Caudal portion :-  
Dorsocranially and to left
- **Due to cell shape changes**
- Organisation of these



# Theories of cardiac looping

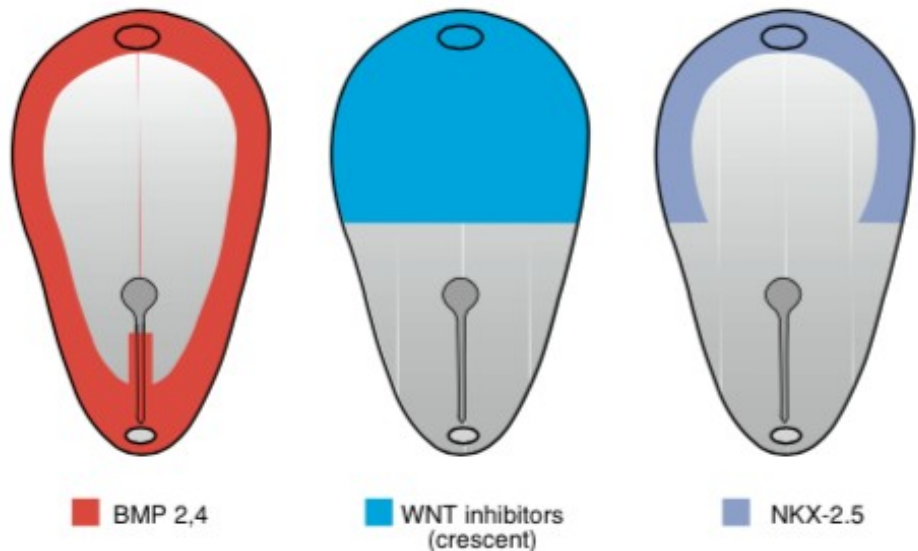
- Rapid development of tube within slowly developing pericardial cavity (Patten 1968)
- Haemodynamics as a morphogenic factor
- Changes in shape & alignment of myocardial cells (Manasek et al 1972)
- Multifactorial (Stallsberg 1970, Manasek 1981)

# Abnormalities of cardiac looping

- Dextrocardia- heart loops to the left instead of right.
- Heterotaxy- sidedness is random
- Genes regulating sidedness are expressed during gastrulation
- Genes **nodal & lefty2** induce expression of transcription factor PITX2
- **PITX2** has role in deposition & function of ECM during looping.
- **NKX2** upregulates HAND1 & HAND2 that participate in looping of heart.

# Molecular regulation

- Signals of **NKX2.5** (master gene for heart development) from anterior cranial endoderm induces a heart forming region in splanchnic mesoderm
- Signals require secretion of **BMP 2 & 4** by endoderm and lateral plate mesoderm
- WNT proteins inhibit heart development



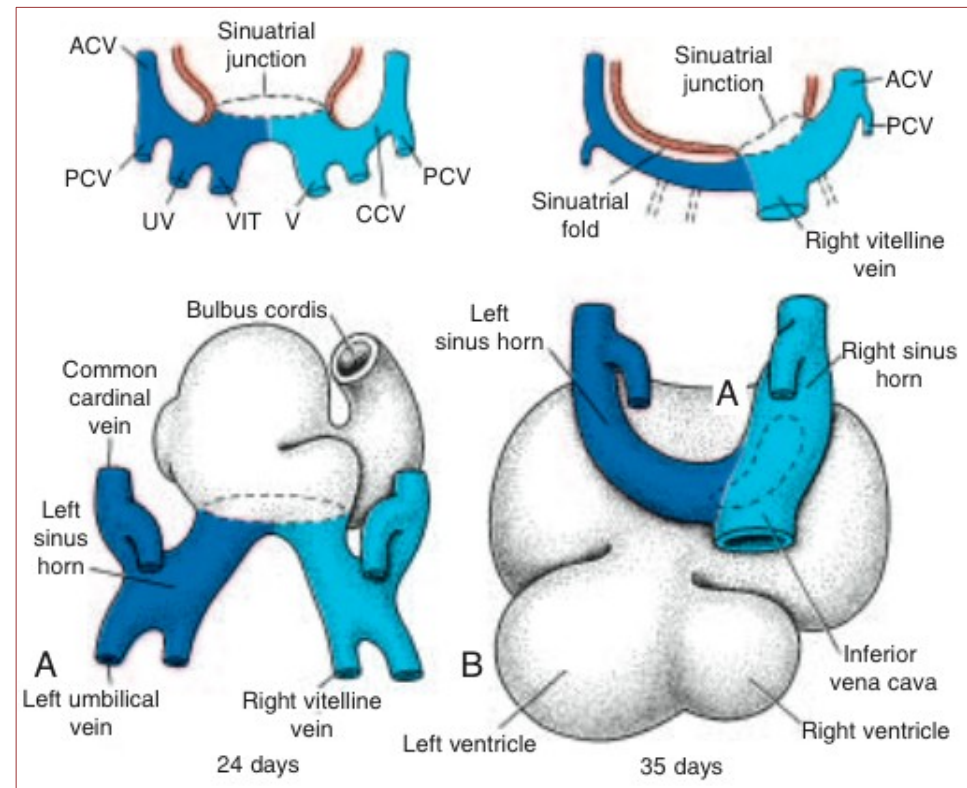
# Clinical correlates

- **NKX2.5 mutations** on chromosome **5q35**- ASD, TOF, AV conduction delays in an AD fashion
- **TBX5 mutations** results in Holt Oram syndrome, Defects in muscular portions of IVS



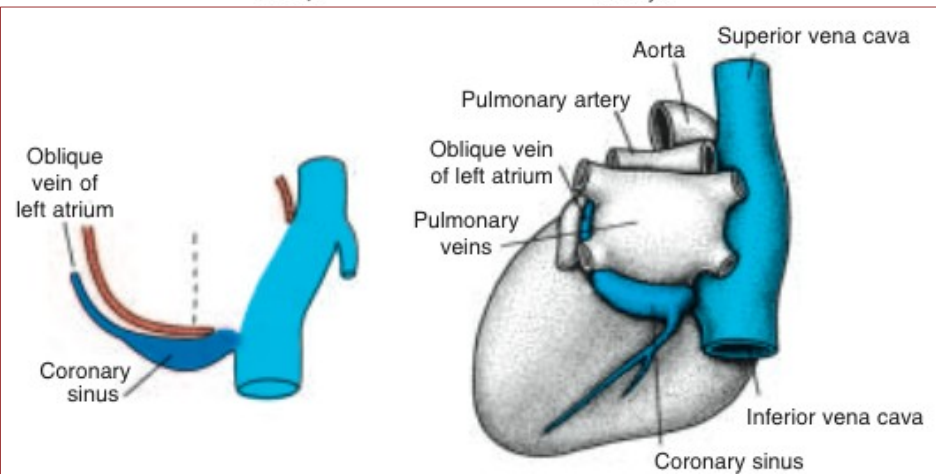
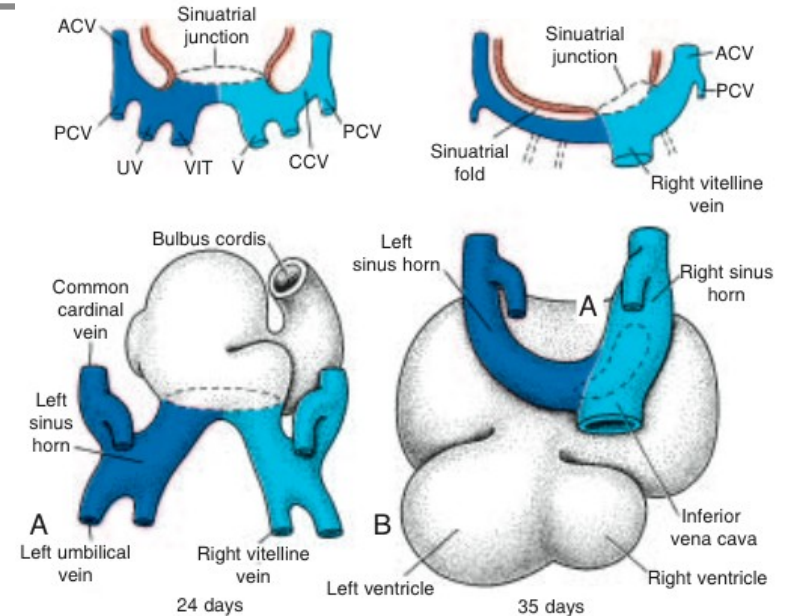
# Development of sinus venosus

- In middle of **4th week** Sinus venosus receives blood from Rt & Lt sinus horns
- Soon the entrance to atria shifts to right
- Obliteration of
  - Umbilical and left vitelline vein in 5<sup>th</sup> week and
  - CCV in 10<sup>th</sup> week

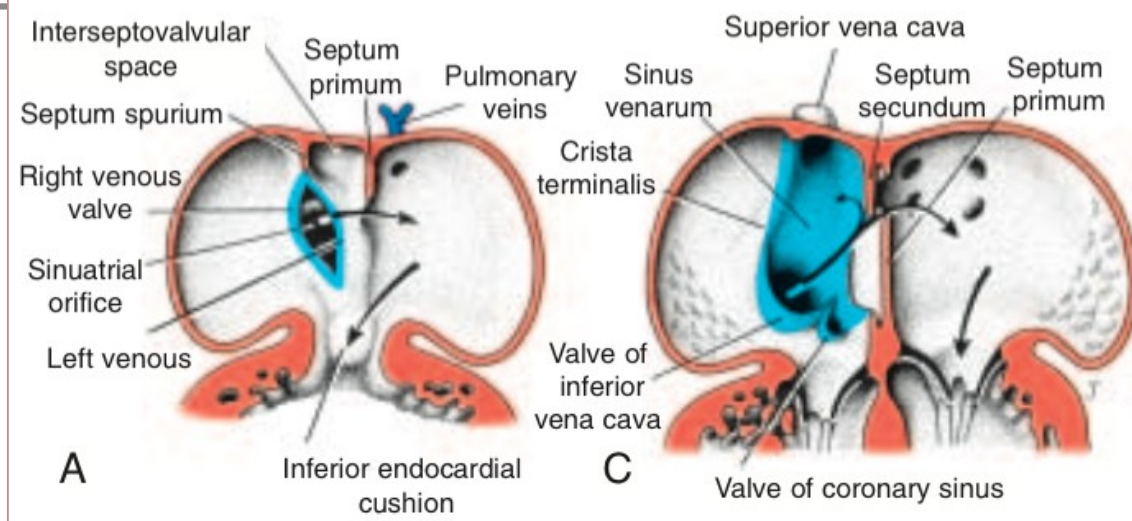


# Development of sinus venosus

- Left sinus-
  - oblique vein &
  - coronary sinus



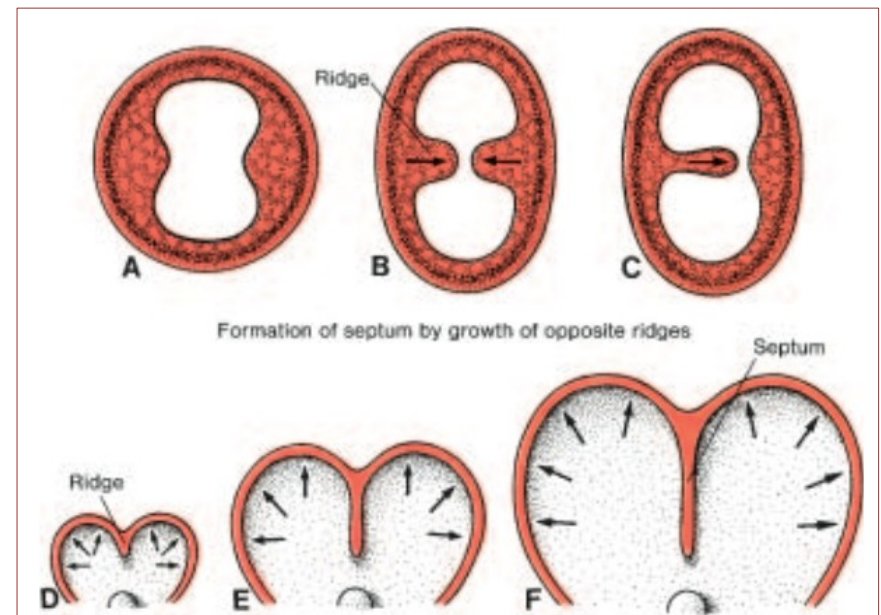
# Development of sinus venosus



- Sinuatrial orifice is flanked by Rt and Lt venous valves.
- Dorsocranially fused as **Septum spurium**.
- Left venous valve and septum spurium fuse with developing atrial septum.
- Inferior portion of right venous valve: - valve of IVC and valve of coronary sinus
- **Crista terminalis** divides sinus venarum

# Formation of cardiac septa

- Major septa formed **27<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> day**
  - By growth of single tissue mass- endocardial cushions
  - By expansion of areas on each side of a narrow strip

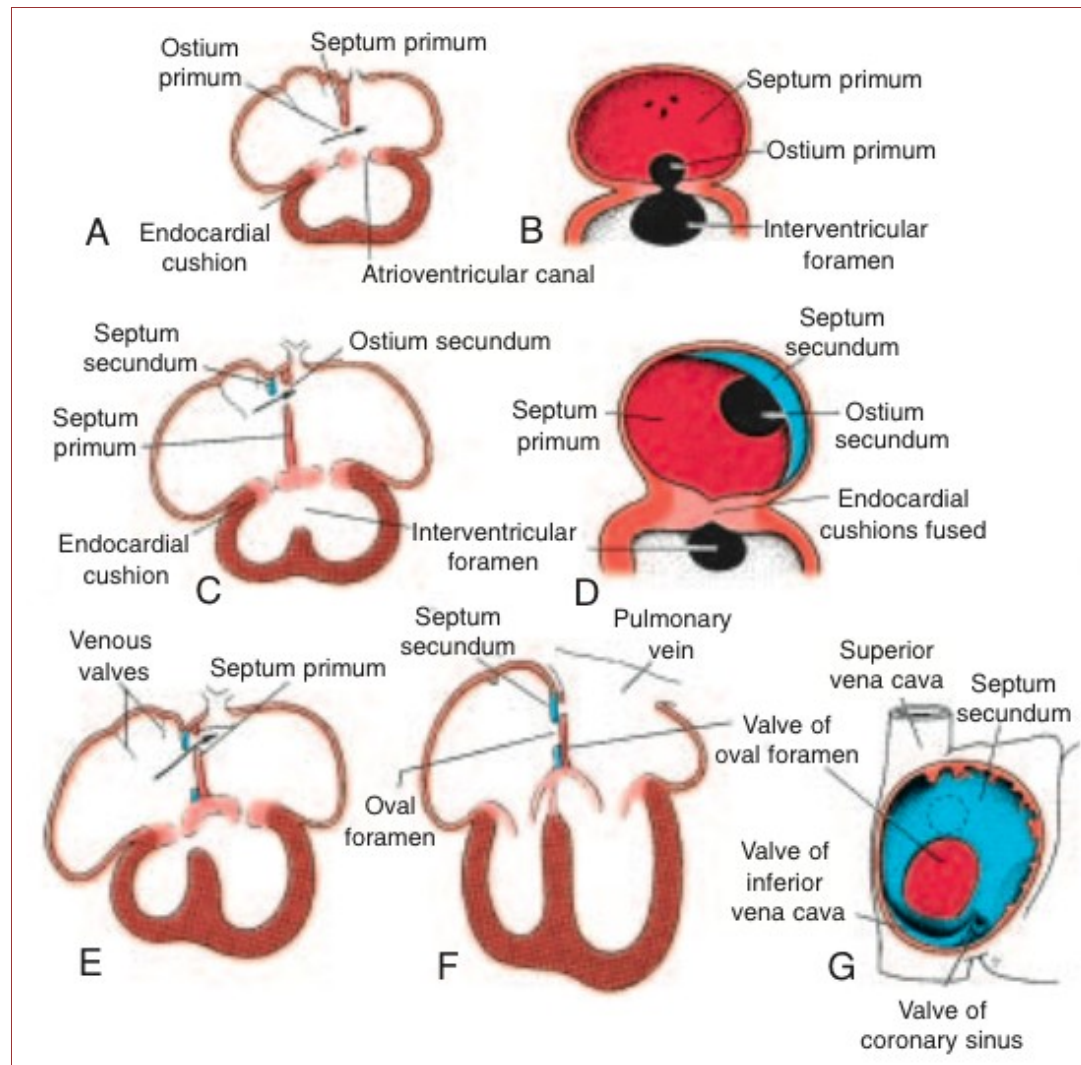


# Endocardial cushion defects

- Can lead to ASD, VSD, TGA, TOF
- Cells populating cono-truncal cushions includes **neural crest cells**
- So often heart and craniofacial defects co-exist

# Atrial septum formation

- At the **end of 4th week**
- Before closure of ostium primum, cell death produces ostium secundum (Morse, 1980)
- Opening left by septum secundum is called foramen oval

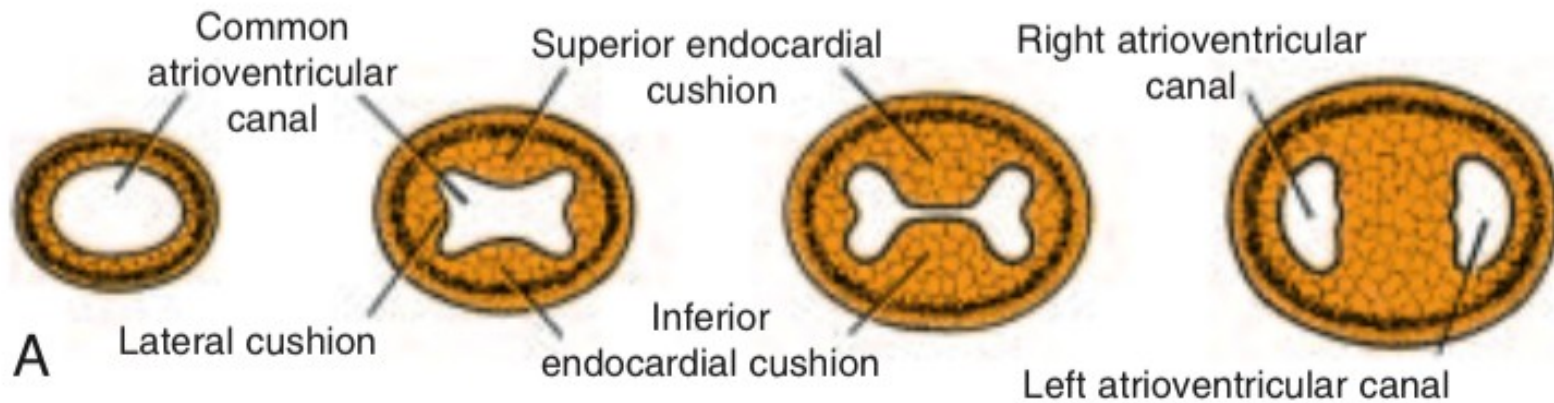




# Differentiation of atria

- Pulmonary vein develops as outgrowth from posterior left atrium
- **Pulmonary vein** and its branches incorporates into left atrium forming large **smooth walled part of adult left atrium**
- Original embryonic left atrium is little more than the atrial appendage.
- **Right horn of CS** forms the **smooth part of right atrium**

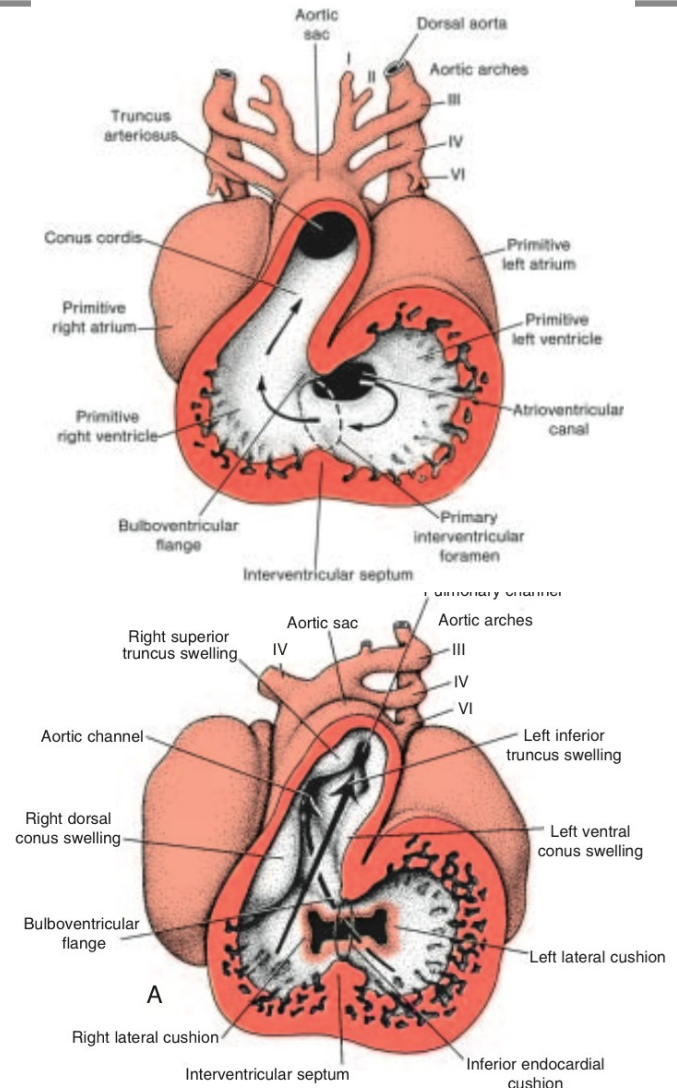
# AV canal septal formation.. End of 4<sup>th</sup> week



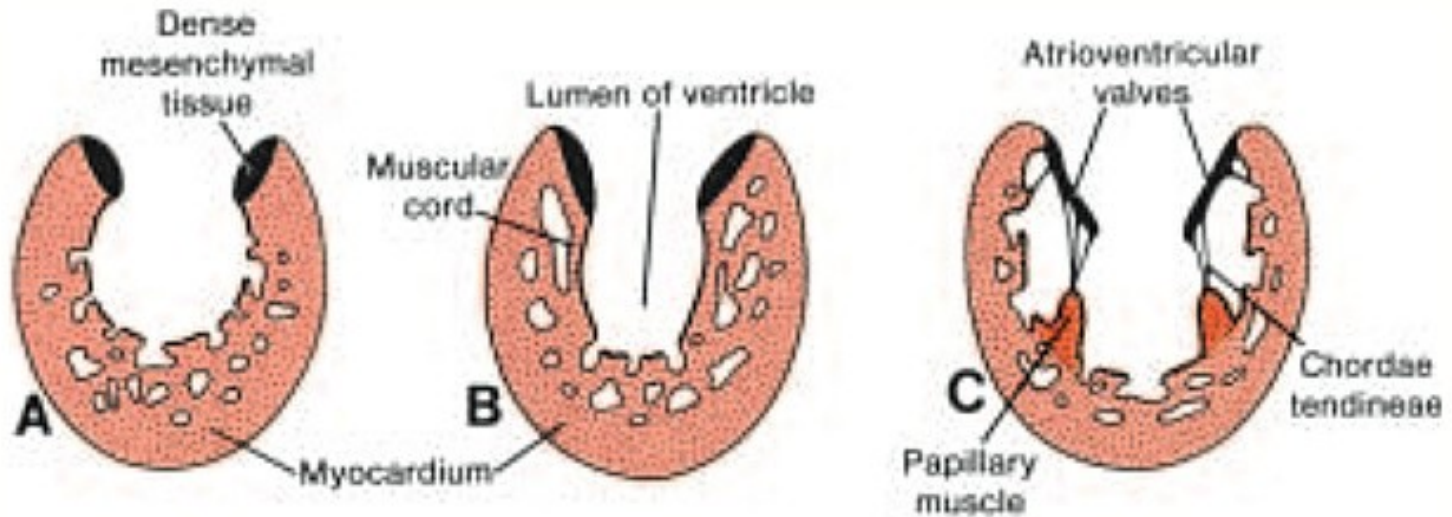
- 2 mesenchymal AV endocardial cushions appear at superior & inferior borders of AV canal
- Later lateral cushions appear
- By the **end of 5<sup>th</sup> week**, superior & inferior cushion completely fuse causing complete division of AV canal

# AV canal septal formation

- AV canal separated from bulbous cordis by **bulbo-ventricular flange**
- By end of 5<sup>th</sup> week, flange is much less prominent and ends midway
- AV canal enlarges
- Blood has access to both ventricles



# AV valves



- After fusion of AV cushions- each orifice is covered by local proliferation of mesenchymal tissue.
- Blood flow hollows out and thins out tissue on ventricular surface of these proliferations
- Valves form & remain attached to ventricular wall by muscular cords

# Septum formation in Truncus Arteriosus & Conus Cordis

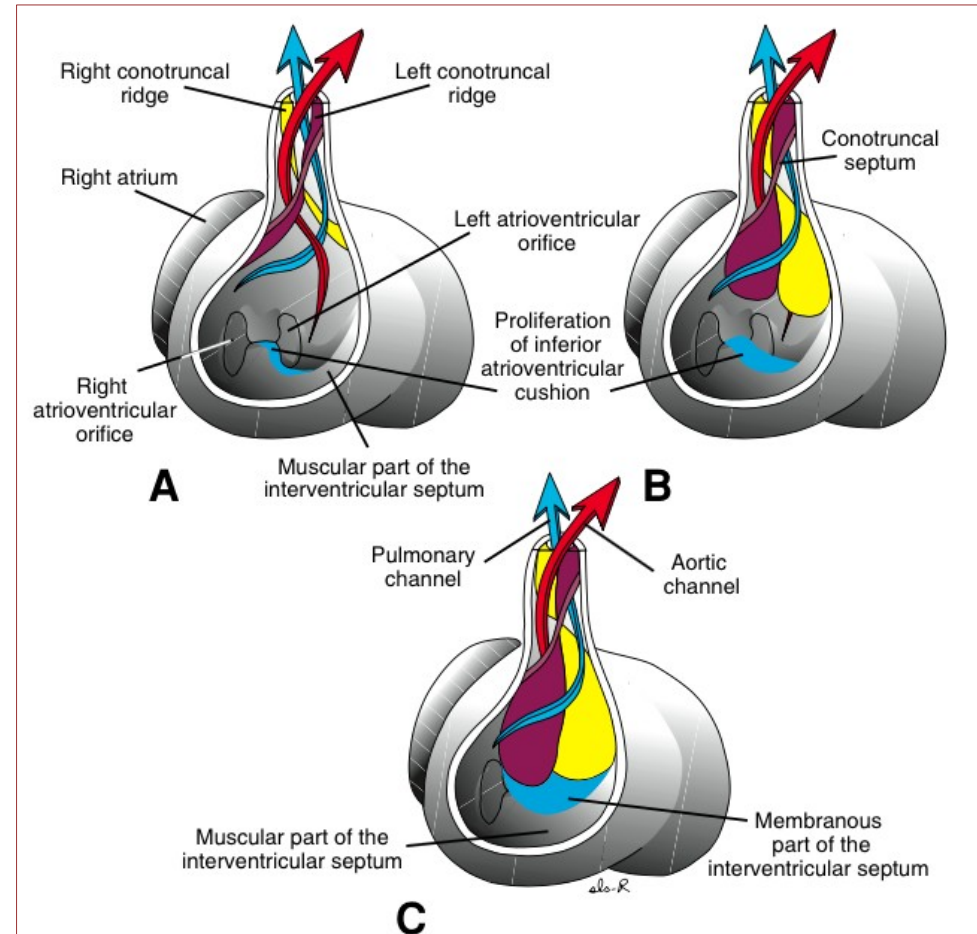
During the **5<sup>th</sup> week**

- Pairs of opposing ridges appear in the truncus

- **Right superior** &

**Left inferior truncus** swelling

- They twist around each other
- After complete fusion



# Septum formation in the ventricles

## **End of 4th week**

- Ventricles begin to expand
- Medial walls become opposed and gradually merge forming MUSCULAR septum
- Inter-ventricular foramen - above the muscular portion of the IV septum shrinks on completion of conus septum
- Tissue from inferior endocardial cushion along the top of IV septum- closes the foramen
- Complete closure of this foramen forms the membranous part of IVS



# Clinical correlates

VSD:-

(12/10,000)

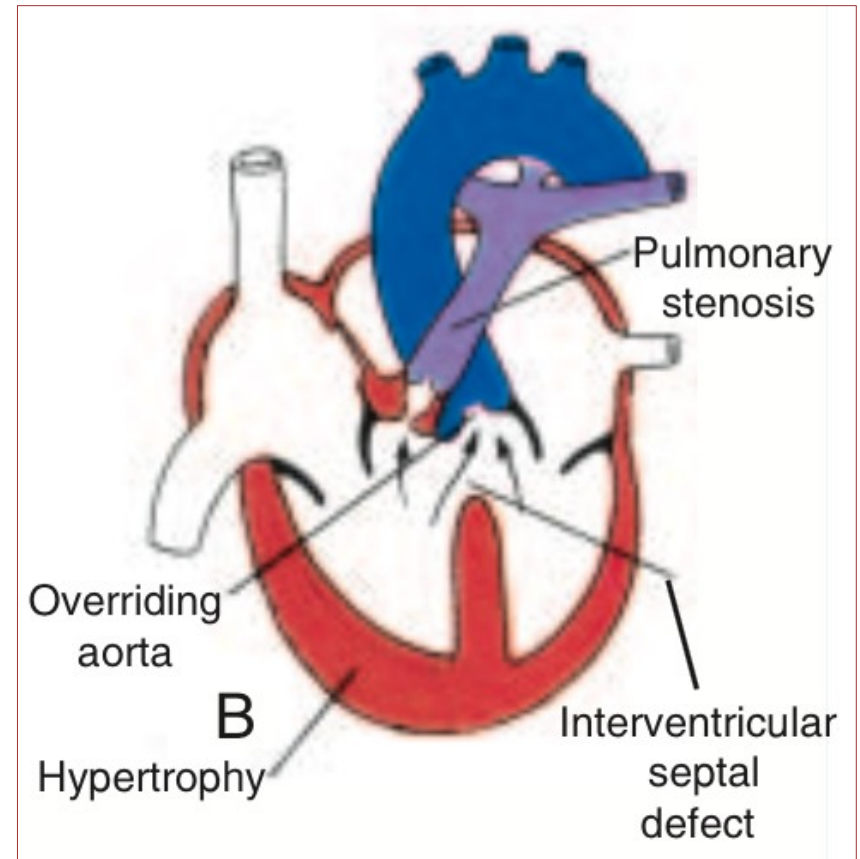
- Is the most common congenital cardiac malformation
- Involving **membranous part (70%)** is often associated with conotruncal partitioning anomalies
- Muscular septum VSD in 5 to 20% cases

# Clinical correlates

TOF:-

(9.6/10,000)

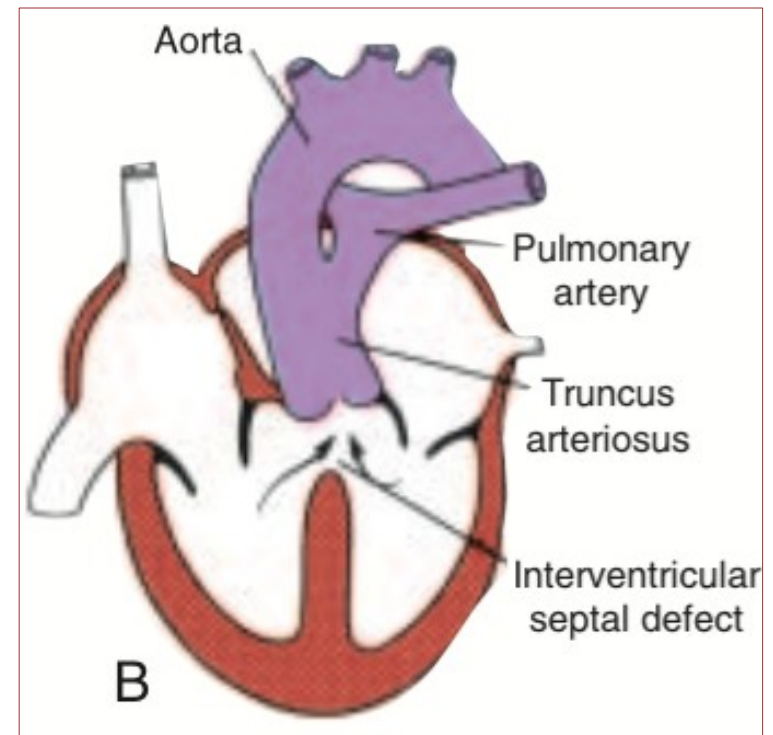
- MC cyanotic CHD
- Most frequently occurring anomaly of conotruncal region
- Results from anterior displacement of conotruncal septum
- 25% have Rt Aortic arch
- 5% have abnormal coronary arteries



# Clinical correlates

## Persistent Truncus Arteriosus:- (0.8/10,000)

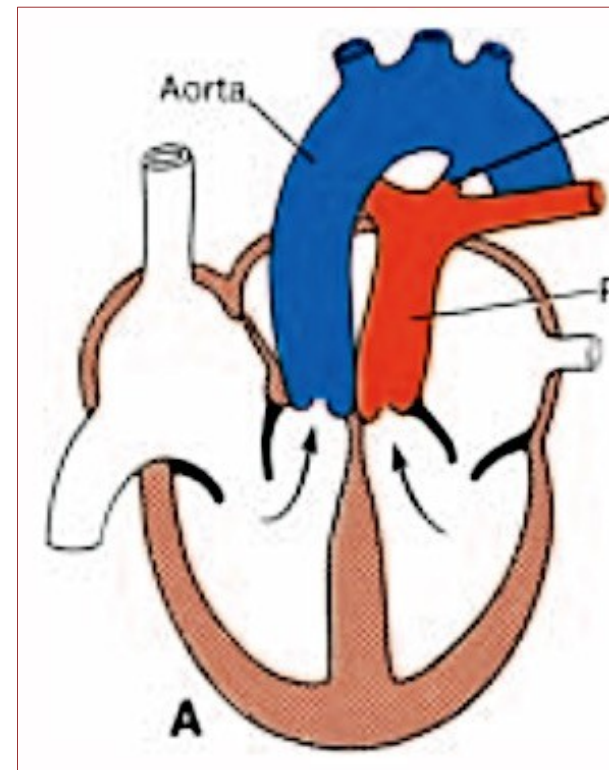
- ❑ Conotruncal septum fails to fuse & descend towards ventricles
- ❑ Pulmonary artery arises some distance above the origin of undivided truncus
- ❑ Ridges also participate in IVS formation
- ❑ Always associated with a VSD



# Clinical correlates

## Transposition of great vessels (4.8/10,000)

- Conotruncal septum runs straight down instead of spiral
- Usually a/w PDA
- Sometimes a/w Membranous VSD
- **Neural crest cells** involved
- DiGeorge syndrome:- facial defects, thymic hypoplasia, PTH dysfunction, outflow tract abnormalities- PTA, TOF



# Semilunar valves

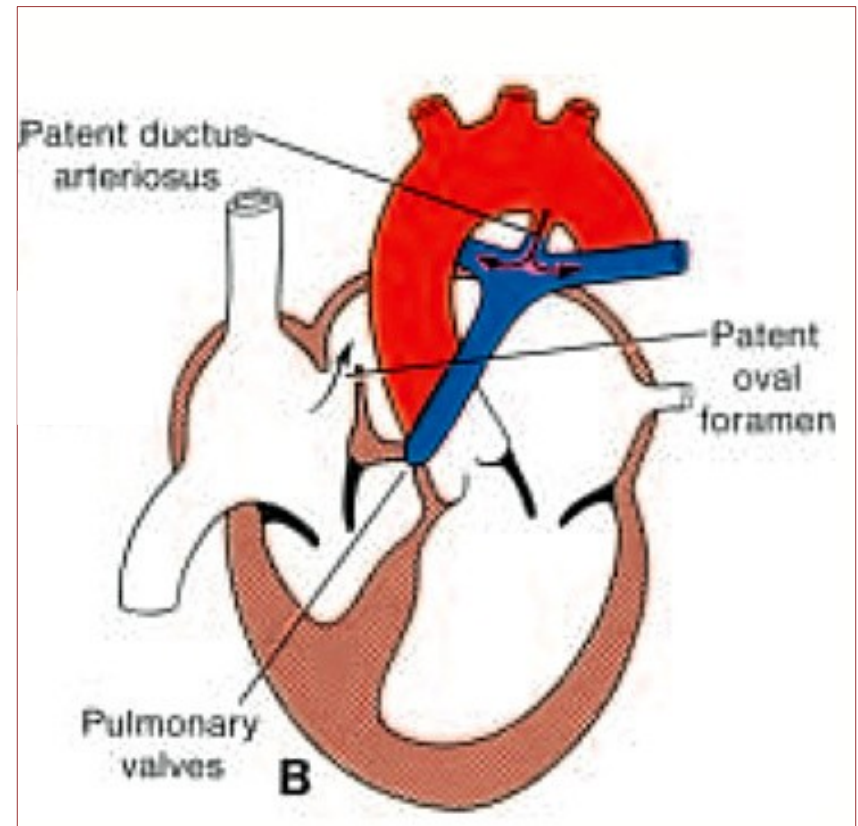


- Primordia visible as small tubercles on the main truncus swellings
- Gradually the tubercles hollow out at their upper surfaces- forming semilunar valves
- **Neural crest cells** contribute to formation of these valves

# Clinical correlates

## Valvular stenosis :- (3 to 4/ 10,000 births)

- Valves fused for variable distance
- Trunk of PA is narrow/atretic
- **Patent Foramen Ovale**-only outlet for blood from right side of heart.
- **PDA always patent**-only access to

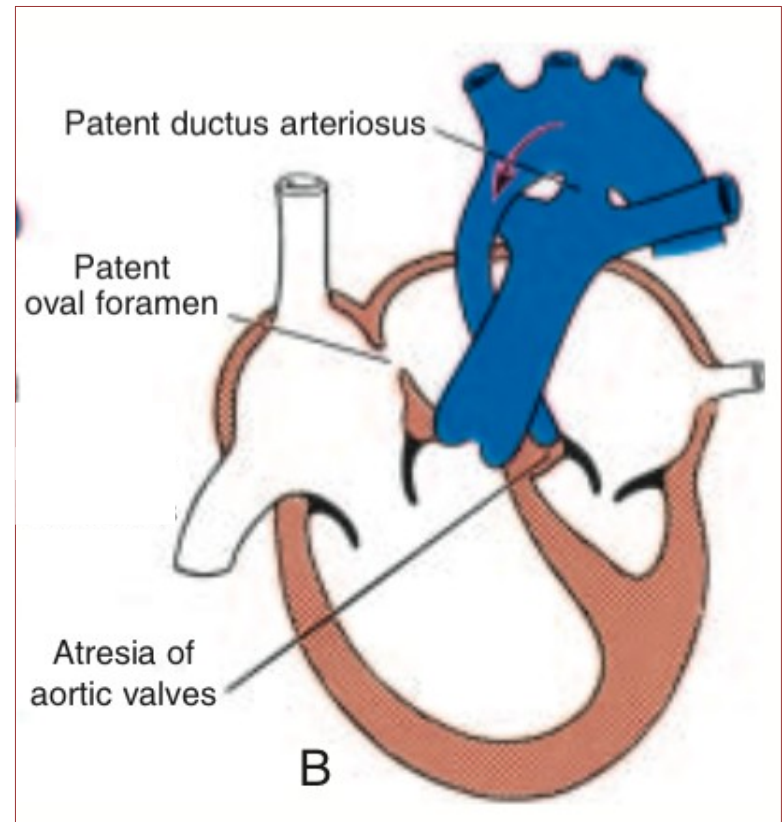




# Clinical correlates

## Aortic valvular atresia:-

- Fusion of the aortic valves is complete
- Aorta, LV & LA are underdevelopd.
- Usually accompanied with a **PDA** which delivers blood to the aorta



# Formation of conducting system of heart

## **PACEMAKER:-**

1. Pacemaker is initially in caudal part of left cardiac tube
2. Moves to sinus venosus
3. As sinus is incorporated into RA- moves to opening of SVC

Mature conduction system **forms from 4 rings** of specialized myocardium intervening between primitive segments (Wenink, 1976)

# Formation of conducting system of heart

- The sinuatrial ring-
  - Sinus node
  - Sinuatrial septum- brings the sinuatrial ring to form Av node
  - Internodal pathways (Thorel, James)
- AV ring & primary ring- Entire AV node and bundle (Lamer's et al)



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# EMBRYOLOGY OF HEART- 2

## ANOMALIES OF PULMONARY VEINS

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# Headings covered

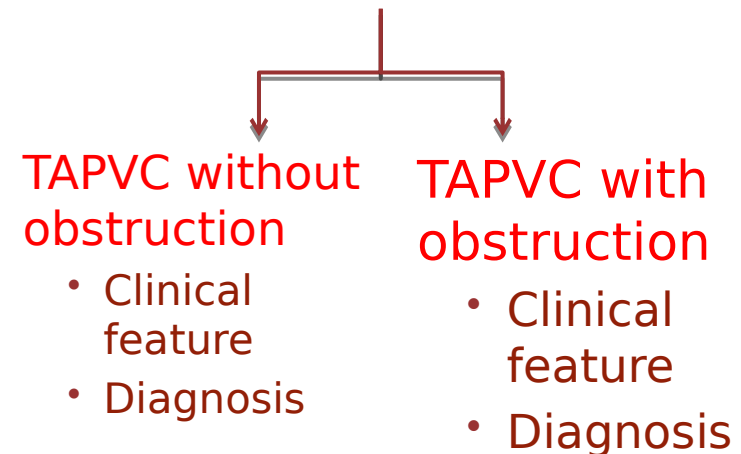
## □ Embryology of pulmonary venous system

- Normal
- TAPVC
- PAPVC
- Cor-triatriatum

## □ Classification of Pulmonary Venous anomalies

## □ TAPVC/D

- Anatomy
- Physiology



## TAPVC/D

- DD
- Treatment
- Prognosis



# Embryology

## VENOUS SYSTEM OF THE EMBRYO

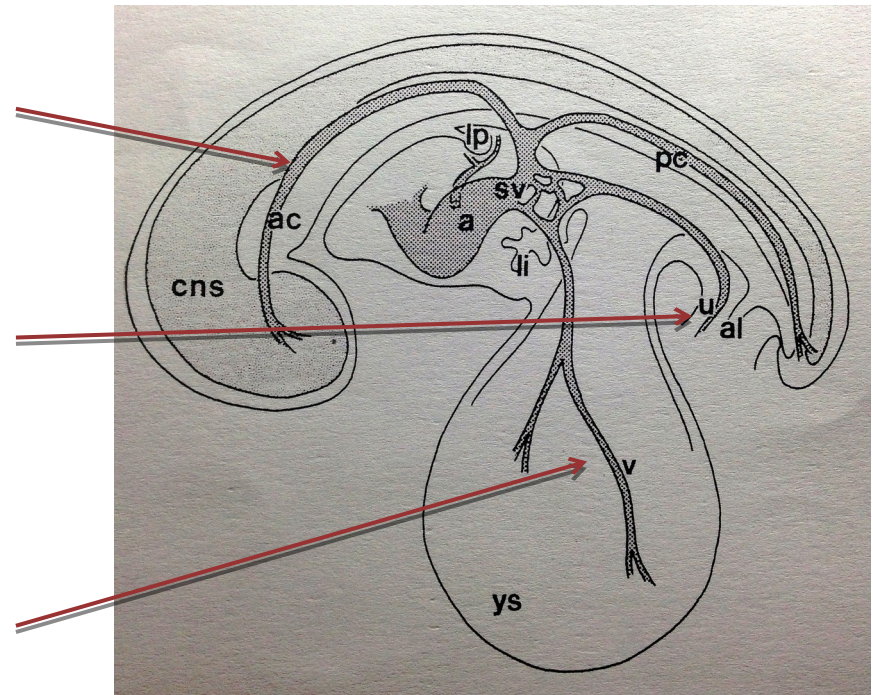
### ➤ CARDINAL VEINS-

These veins drain the body of the embryo proper.

### ➤ UMBILICAL VEINS-

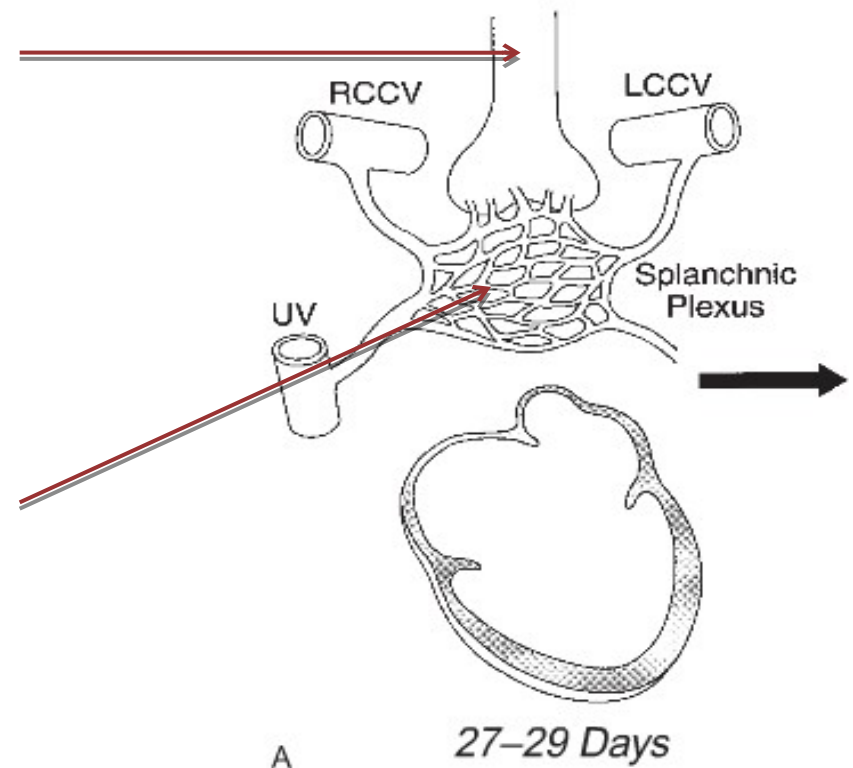
Carrying oxygenated blood from chorionic villi to the embryo.

### ➤ VITELLINE VEINS (OMPHALOMESENTERIC VEINS)-



# Embryology

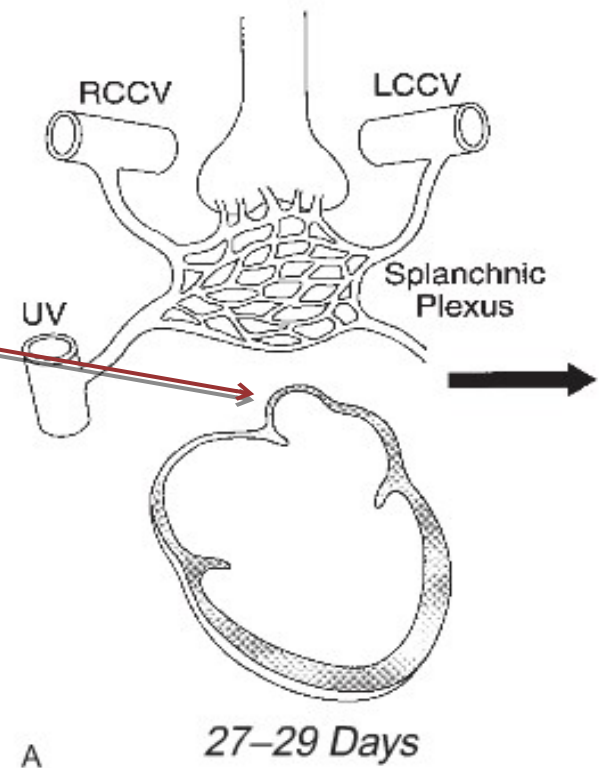
- In the embryo, the primordia of the lungs, larynx and tracheobronchial tree are derived from a **division of the foregut**
- Lungs are enmeshed by the vascular plexus of the foregut (**splanchnic plexus**).
- There are multiple connections with the splanchnic plexus



# Embryology 27-29 days

## Site of development of common pulmonary vein

- At this stage lungs have no direct connection with the heart.
- A small **evagination** arises in the posterior wall of the left atrium to the left of the developing atrial septum.
- It forms the **common pulmonary vein**.



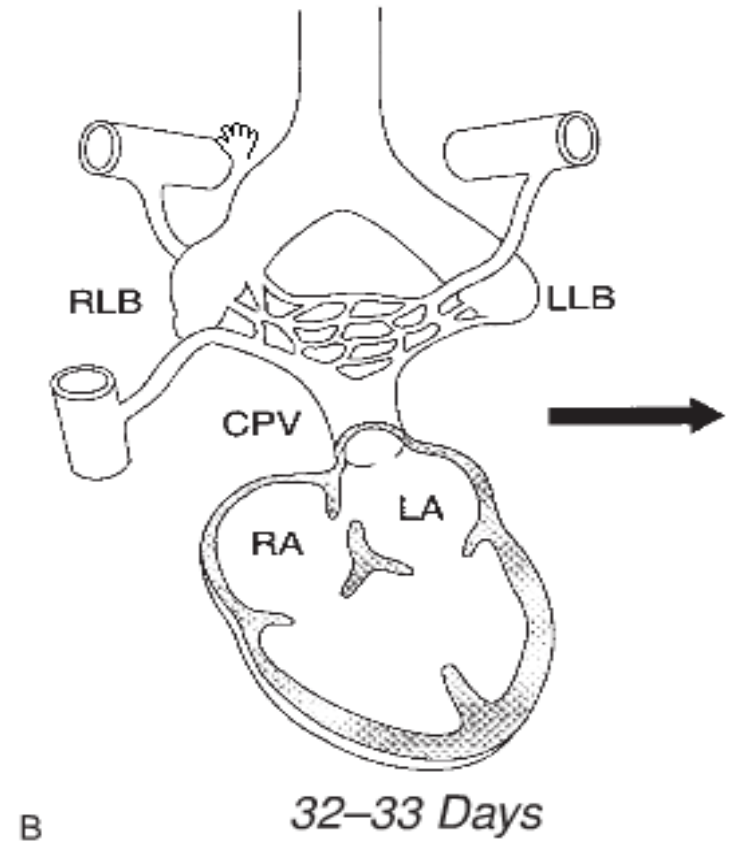
# Embryology

## □ Incorporation into left atrium of CPV (various theories)

1. Evagination in sinuatrial region of heart
2. Starts from confluence of vessels from pulmonary plexus
3. From confluence of capillaries that grow in the mesocardium between lung buds and heart

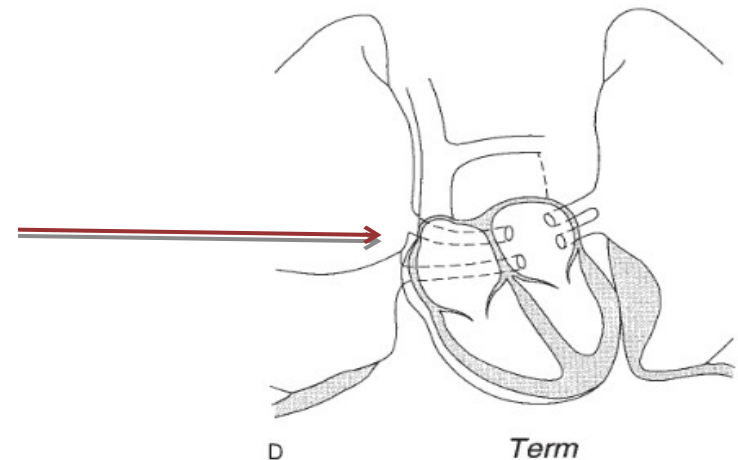
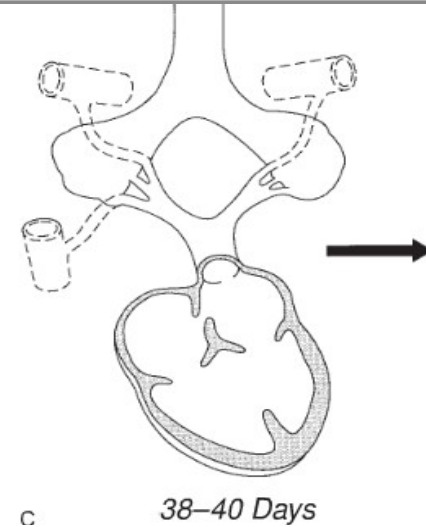
# Embryology 32-33 days

- At the end of 1<sup>st</sup> month CPV drains pulmonary plexus into Sinoatrial portion of heart
- Site is cephalad to the junction of Rt & Lt horns of sinus venosus &
- To the left of developing septum primum



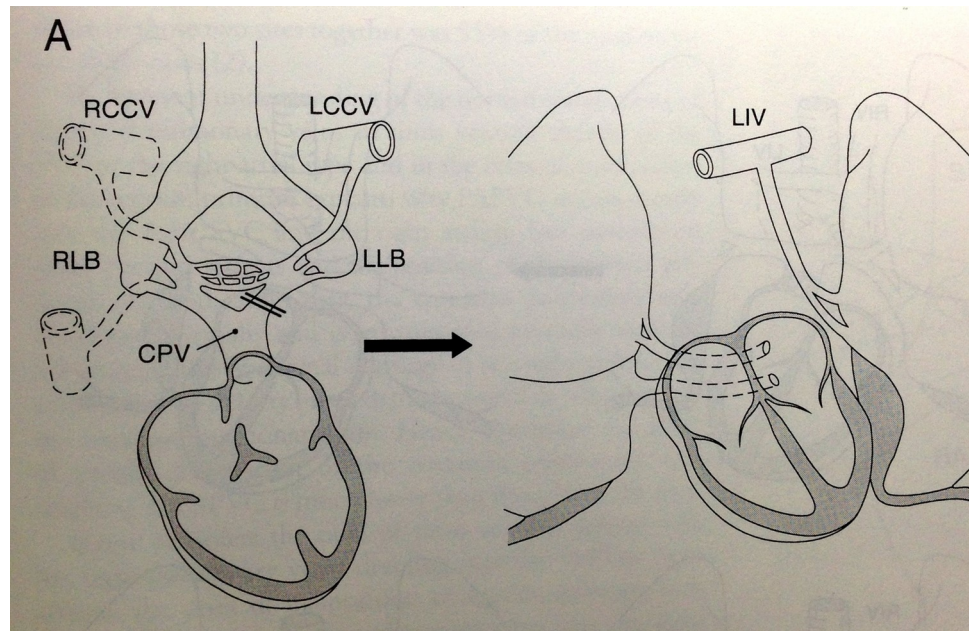
# Embryology

- The connection b/w pulmonary venous plexus and splanchnic venous plexus involute
- Common pulmonary vein incorporates into the left atrium
- Individual pulmonary veins connect separately and directly to the left atrium.





# Embryology

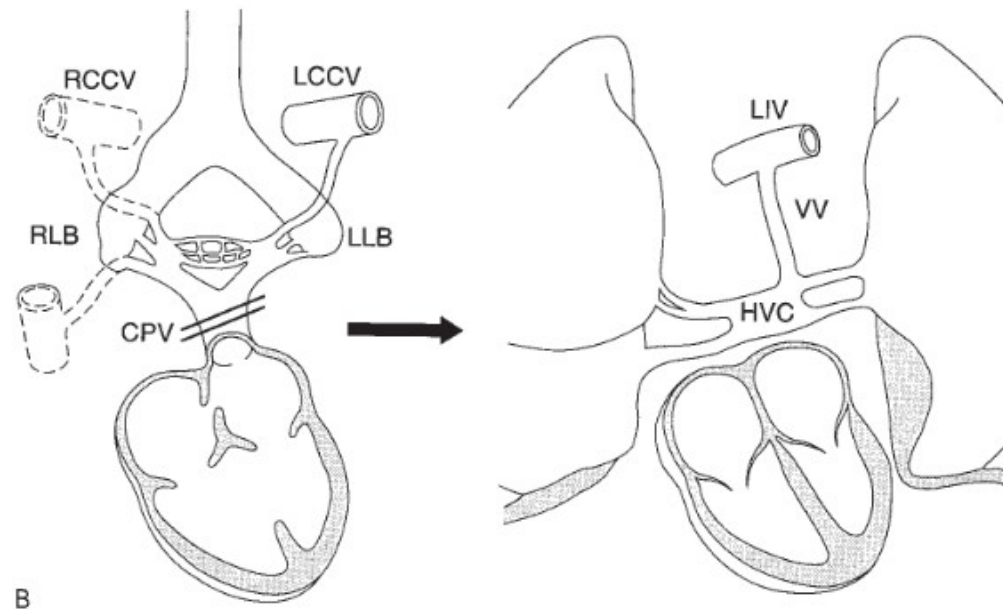


## □ **PAPVC**

Results due to failure to establish a normal connection between 1/more of pulmonary veins with CPV before the connections with splanchnic venous system have regressed



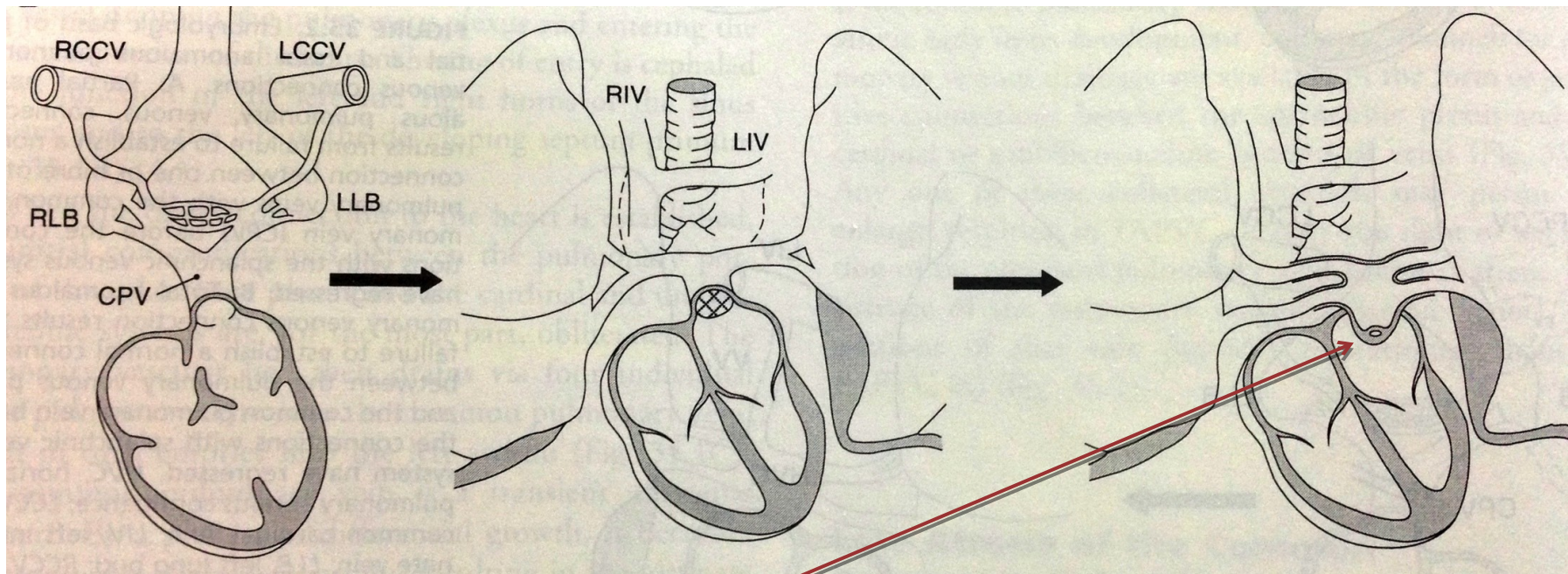
# Embryology



## □ TAPVC

Results due to early atresia of CPV while Pulmonary-systemic connections are still present

# Embryology

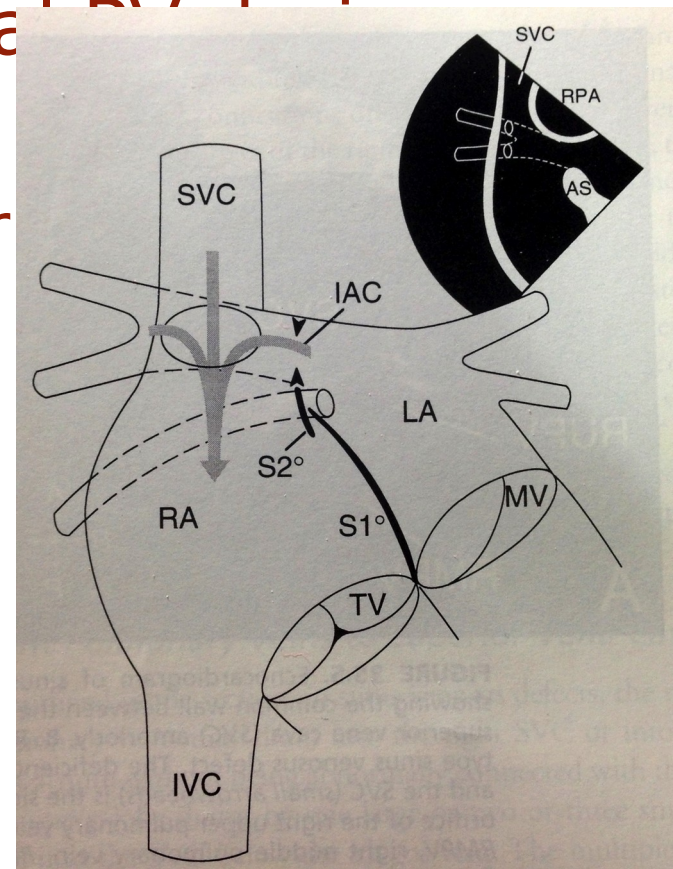


## □ **Cor-triatriatum**

Stenosis of CPV results in dilatation of the CPV and development of Cor triatriatum

# Embryology

- Normal absorption of CPV with partially/totally abnormal PV
- Sinus Venosus defect
- Malposition of septum primum





# Embryologic Classification Of Pulmonary Venous Anomalies

**TABLE 35.1. EMBRYOLOGIC CLASSIFICATION OF PULMONARY VENOUS ANOMALIES**

- I Normal absorption of the common pulmonary vein associated with defects that result in abnormal pulmonary venous drainage
  - A. Sinus venosus defect
  - B. Malposition of septum primum
- II Atresia of the common pulmonary vein (early) while pulmonary-to-systemic venous connections are still present
  - A. Partial anomalous pulmonary venous connection
  - B. Total anomalous pulmonary venous connection
    - 1. Without pulmonary venous obstruction
    - 2. With pulmonary venous obstruction
- III Atresia of the common pulmonary vein (late) after pulmonary-to-systemic venous connections are obliterated
  - A. Atresia of the common pulmonary vein
- IV Stenosis of the common pulmonary vein
  - A. Cor triatriatum
- V Abnormal absorption of the common pulmonary vein into the left atrium
  - A. Stenosis of the individual pulmonary veins
  - B. Abnormal number of pulmonary veins

# TAPVC

- Anomaly in which the pulmonary veins have no connection with the left atrium
  - Rather, the pulmonary veins connect directly to one of the systemic veins (TAPVC) or
  - Drain into the right atrium (TAPVD)
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- WILSON- 1st description in 1798  
“A description of a very unusual formation of the heart”,  
Wilson et.al.Philos.Trans.R.Soc.Lon.88;346,1798
  - MULLER- 1st successful open repair in 1951

# TAPVC- Genetics and epidemiology

- Mechanism of transmission of TAPVC has not been elucidated
- The **Baltimore- Washington Infant study** showed a possible association with exposure to lead, paint stripping chemicals and pesticides
- A **monogenic pattern** of inheritance has been suggested
- Associated with asplenia, polysplenia, cat's eye syndrome

# TAPVC- Incidence

- In Abbott's series :- 4/1000 cases
- In another study :- 2% of autopsied cases of CHD
- Marked male preponderance in TAPVC to portal vein.
- M=F in other sites



# TAPVC- Anatomy

Darling and associates (1957)

1. **Type I-Supracardiac connections** : The common venous confluence joins SVC
2. **Type II-Cardiac TAPVC** : CVC drains into coronary sinus
3. **Type III-Infracardiac TAPVC**: CVC drains into hepatic vein, ductus venosus, portal vein or IVC. It penetrates the diaphragm through the esophageal hiatus.
4. **Type IV-Mixed Type**: at 2/more levels

# TAPVC- Anatomy

Burroughs and Edwards (with prognostic implications)

- Based on length of anomalous channel
  - Long
  - Intermediate
  - Short

# TAPVC- *Anatomy*

## Smith et al.

- Supra-diaphragmatic (without pulmonary venous obstruction)
- Infra-diaphragmatic (with pulmonary venous obstruction)

# TAPVC- Anatomy

## □ Frequencies of Various types



**TABLE 35.2. COMPARISON OF ANATOMIC SITE OF CONNECTION OF TAPVC AND TAPVD IN THREE AUTOPSY SERIES**

Site of Connection or Drainage	Burroughs and Edwards (59) (N = 113)	Lucas et al. (60) (N = 71)	Delisle et al. (70) (N = 93)
Left innominate vein	36%	37%	26%
Coronary sinus	16	16	18
Right atrium	15	2	8
Right superior vena cava	11	12	15
Portal system	13	23	24
Multiple sites	7	10	5
Unknown or other	2	0	4

TAPVC, total anomalous pulmonary venous connection; TAPVD, total anomalous pulmonary venous drainage.

# TAPVC- *Anatomy*

## Connection to RSVC/ RT. Azygous vein

- Pulmonary veins join to form confluence posterior to LA  

- Anomalous vessel from Rt side, ascends anterior to Rt lung hilum  

- Enters posterior aspect of SVC

# TAPVC- Anatomy

## Connection to It cardinal system

### 1. LIV (MC site)

Pulmonary veins form confluence post to LA



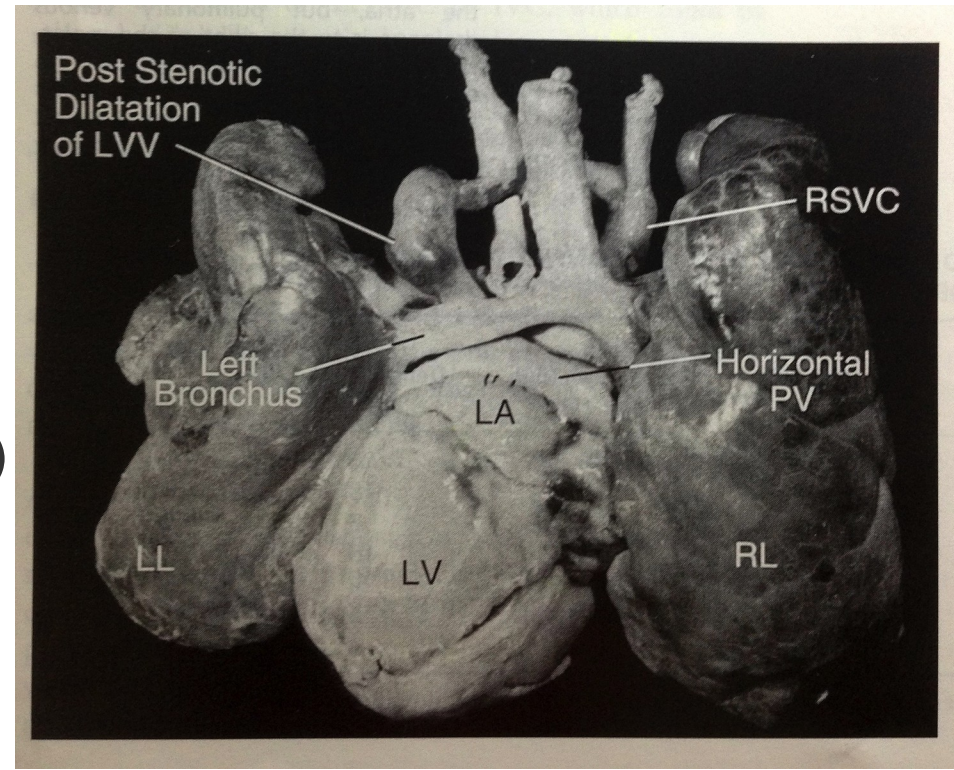
Venous vessel from left side (VV)



Passes ant to Lt pulmonary artery, bronchus, aortic arch



Joins LIV



# TAPVC- *Anatomy*

## Connection to It cardinal system

### 2. Coronary sinus

Pulmonary veins join a common vessel



Connect to coronary sinus



Coronary sinus opens in RA



# TAPVC- Anatomy

## Connection to umbilico-vitelline system

Common confluence immediately behind LA



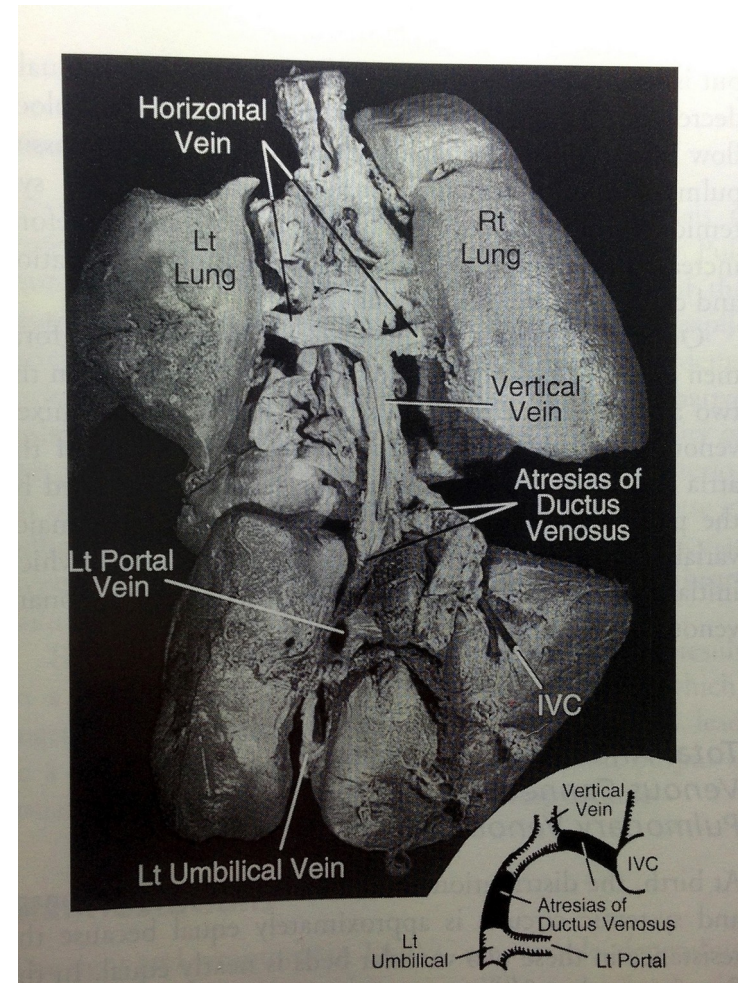
Descends anterior to esophagus



Penetrates diaphragm through the esophageal hiatus



Joins Portal vein at the confluence of splenic & superior mesentric veins



# TAPVC- anatomic sites of obstruction

## At inter-atrial septum

- Longevity in TAPVC is related to the size of the ASD (Burroughs & Edwards)
- Patients with large defects survived longer

# TAPVC- anatomic sites of obstruction

## In anomalous venous channel

- Intrinsic narrowing is frequent in the walls of anomalous venous channels.
- Extrinsic venous compression may also occur.
- Length of the pathway also offers impedance
- **Infracardiac type is usually obstructive while**
- **Supracardiac and cardiac type are often nonobstructive.**

# TAPVC- Associated anomalies

- TGA
- TOF
- Single ventricle
- Truncus arteriosus
- Tricuspid atresia
- HLHS
- CoA
- Asplenia or polysplenia

TAPVD to rt atrium – **as a rule** in patients with visceral heterotaxy and polysplenia

# TAPVC- Physiology

- All venous blood returns to the RA
- Survival is dependent on presence of a right to left intracardiac shunt ( PFO or ASD )
- Physiologic features depend on the distribution of mixed venous blood b/w the pulmonary and systemic circulations
  
- The major hemodynamics depend on-
  1. Size of inter-atrial communication
  2. Presence or absence of obstruction to PVR and
  3. Relative resistance of systemic and pulmonary vascular bed.

# TAPVC- Physiology

- A restrictive inter-atrial communication, limits blood to LA and reduces systemic output
- After birth **PVR decreases** –
  - pulmonary circulation increases.
  - Pulmonary and systemic venous blood- to RA
  - increased RA pressure results in elevated pressure & congestion of both venous circuits.
- In presence of wide communication - distribution of mixed venous blood depends on **relative compliance** of atria & ventricles and the relative resistance of pulmonary & systemic circulations

# TAPVC- Physiology

## TAPVC without Pulmonary Venous Obstruction

- RA receives the entire VR from systemic & pulmonary circuits.
  - **After birth PVR decreases** and RV compliance increases, so more blood comes to RV.
  - Pulmonary blood flow is 3-5 times more than systemic.
  - It leads to **RV failure** in neonates and infants.
  - Progressive dilation of RV and PA occurs
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- Oxygen saturation **is equal** in all cardiac chambers (85-90%).
  - Later on pulmonary vascular disease develops which leads to severe PHT in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> decades



# TAPVC- Physiology

## TAPVC with Pulmonary Venous Obstruction

- Due to obstruction, pulmonary venous pressure increases
- It leads to increased hydrostatic pressure and **pulmonary edema**
- Reflex pulmonary arteriolar constriction causes PHTN, Rt ventricular hypertension, hypertrophy and ultimately Rt. Heart failure
- Leftward shift of IVS & decreased inflow from LA, **causes low systemic output**

# TAPVC- without obstruction

## **Clinical Features**

- Usually **asymptomatic at birth**
- 56% symptomatic in 1<sup>st</sup> month, rest in 1<sup>st</sup> year
- 75-85 % die by 1 year of age
- **Tachypnea, feeding difficulties** - initial symptoms - within first few weeks of life
- Infants have recurrent resp. tract infections and failure to thrive.
- **Mild cyanosis** is present due to adequate mixing of blood.
- Gradually they develop right heart failure and pulmonary arterial hypertension.

# TAPVC- without obstruction

## Clinical Features

- Mild cyanosis with features of CHF
- Prominent parasternal heave

## “Multiple cardiac sounds”

- S1 loud, S2 wide fixed split with loud P2. RVS3 present. S4 in older
- ESM 2/6 at upper sternal border (↑ pulmonary flow)
- PSM - TR, MDM - increased flow across TV
- LIV connection- **innocent venous hum**- at base
  - Not louder in diastole
  - Not altered by change in position

# TAPVC- with obstruction

## **Clinical Features**

- 72% present in first month of life
- Tachypnea, tachycardia and cyanosis usually after 12 hrs.  
(D/D Respiratory distress syndrome-symptoms within 12 hours of life)
- marked pulmonary venous congestion and cyanosis because of reduced pulmonary flow.
- Rapid progression to Dyspnea, feeding difficulty, CRF and death

# TAPVC- with obstruction

## Clinical Features

- When infra-diaphragmatic, venous channel traverses the esophageal hiatus
- Feeding, crying and straining cause additional compression that aggravates the dyspnea and cyanosis.
- Cardiovascular findings may be minimal
- Heart not enlarged
- No significant Rt. ventricular heave
- S2 split, P2 accentuated
- Cardiac murmur often absent
- Hepatomegaly almost always present

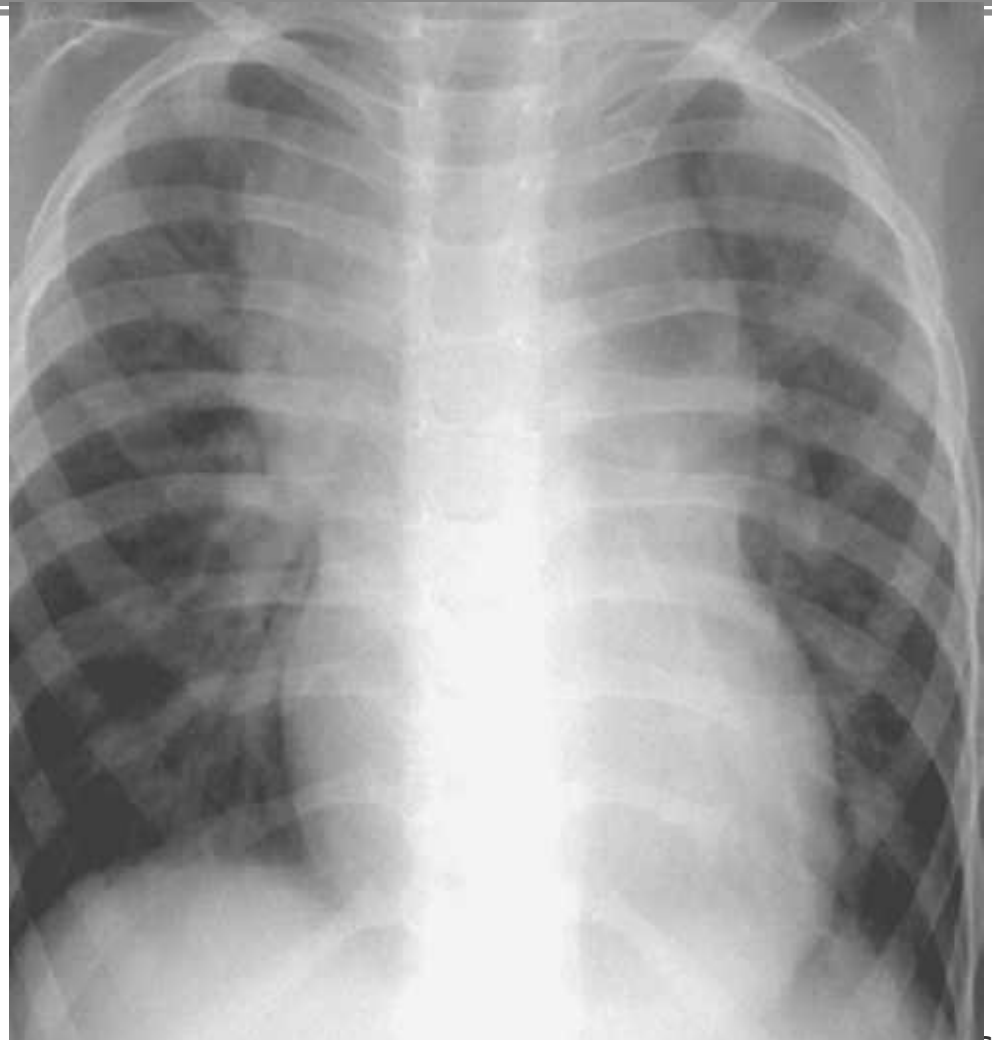
# TAPVC ECG

- Tall peaked P wave in lead II characteristic of **right atrial enlargement** is:-
  - a constant finding of TAPVC without obstruction,
  - **NOT** in TAPVC with obstruction
- RAD and RVH is usually present (high voltage in right precordial leads).
- Occasionally an incomplete RBBB pattern present.

# TAPVC- Xray

## **Figure of 8 or snow-man** appearance-

- Non-obstructive Supracardiac TAPVC to left innominate vein.
- This diagnostic sign is usually not present in first few months of life.





# TAPVC- Xray

## Obstructive TAPVC

### **Ground-glass appearance**

- Diffuse reticular pattern
- Cardiac size is normal
- Kerley B lines may be present
- This pattern also seen in other causes of pulmonary venous obstruction.



# TAPVC- without obstruction

## 2D ECHO :- Goals

1. Size of pulmonary veins
2. Connection of all 4 major pulmonary veins to confluence and any additional pulmonary veins.
3. Size of pulmonary venous confluence & its relation with LA.
4. Course of pulmonary venous channel and whether there is obstruction to its flow.
5. To evaluate inter-atrial communication for obstruction.
6. Any additional cardiac anomaly

# TAPVC- 2D Echo

- 2D echo with colour Doppler is the definitive non-invasive method for diagnosis of TAPVC.
- The reported **sensitivity and specificity** of echocardiography was 97% and 99% even before availability of colour doppler.

Huhta JC et al.Br Heart J

1985;53:525-534

- A sensitivity of 100% and specificity of 85% is claimed for detection of obstruction by 2D echo **with colour doppler**.

J Am Coll Cardiol

1991;18:1746-1751

# TAPVC- 2D Echo

Features **common to all forms of TAPVC** are-

- Signs of right ventricular volume overload.
- Inability to image the pulmonary veins entering the LA.
- Size of the individual pulmonary vein at the time of diagnosis is a strong, independent predictor of survival.
- Smaller pulmonary veins were associated with poorer prognosis.

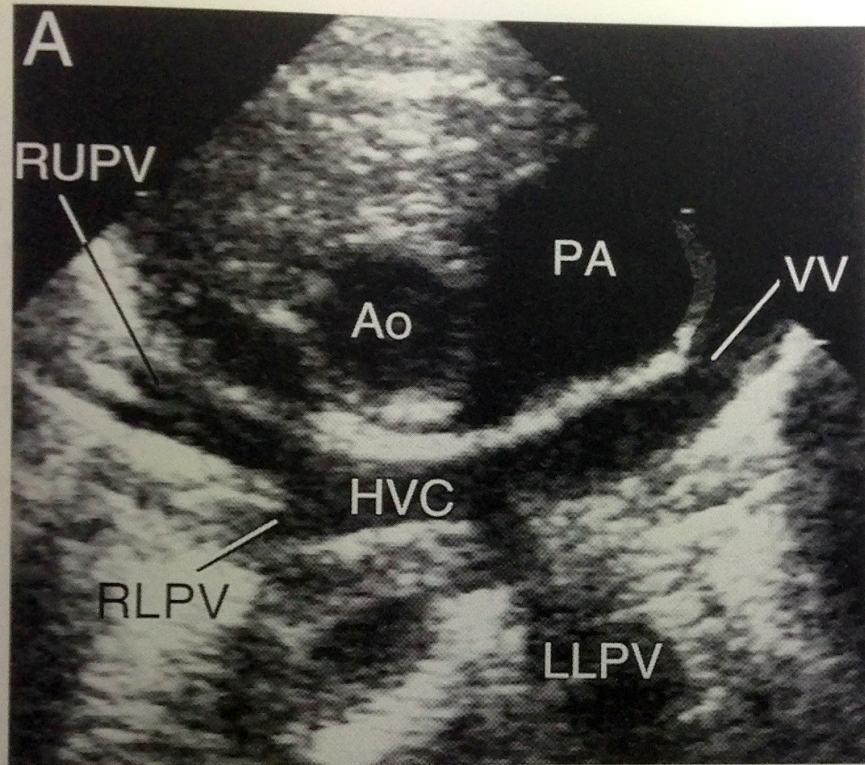
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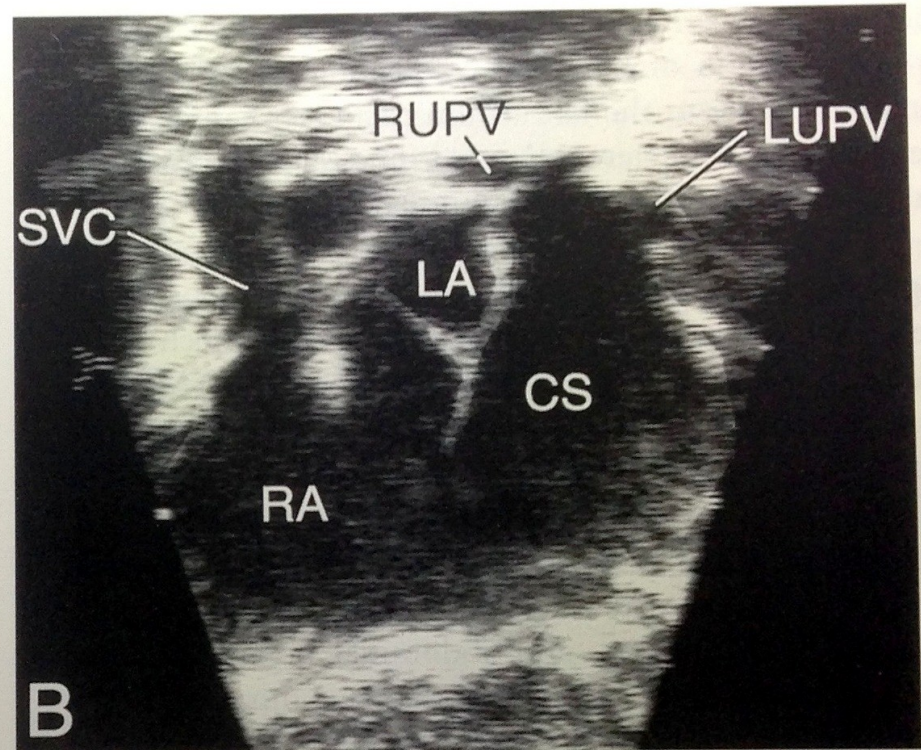
# TAPVC- 2DECHO

- Size and orientation (horizontal or vertical) of the pulmonary venous confluence and
  - Its relation with the left atrium are important for surgical planning.
- The venous channel in supra-cardiac TAPVC is best imaged from the **precordial windows**,
  - The venous channel in infra-diaphragmatic TAPVC is best evaluated from the **subcostal view**.

# TAPVC- 2D ECHO



High lateral Parasternal  
transverse view TAPVC to LIV



Subcostal oblique view  
TAPVC to CS

# TAPVC- 2D ECHO

## MC Obstruction Sites

- In **supra**cardiac TAPVC, the site of connection with systemic vein (most frequently the left innominate vein)
  - In **infra**diaphragmatic TAPVC, the site of connection with the portal or hepatic vein.
1. Increased flow velocity, (low velocity)
  2. Turbulent flow pattern, (phasic laminar pattern)
  3. Loss of phasic variations (brief flow reversal during atrial systole) **characterize obstructed pulmonary venous flow.**



# TAPVC- 2D ECHO

In TAPVC to coronary sinus,

1. The sinus is dilated,
2. Bulges antero-superiorly into the LA.
3. Imaging of the pulmonary veins draining into the coronary sinus (important because CS may be dilated in other conditions like persistent LSVC to CS)

# TAPVC- 2D ECHO

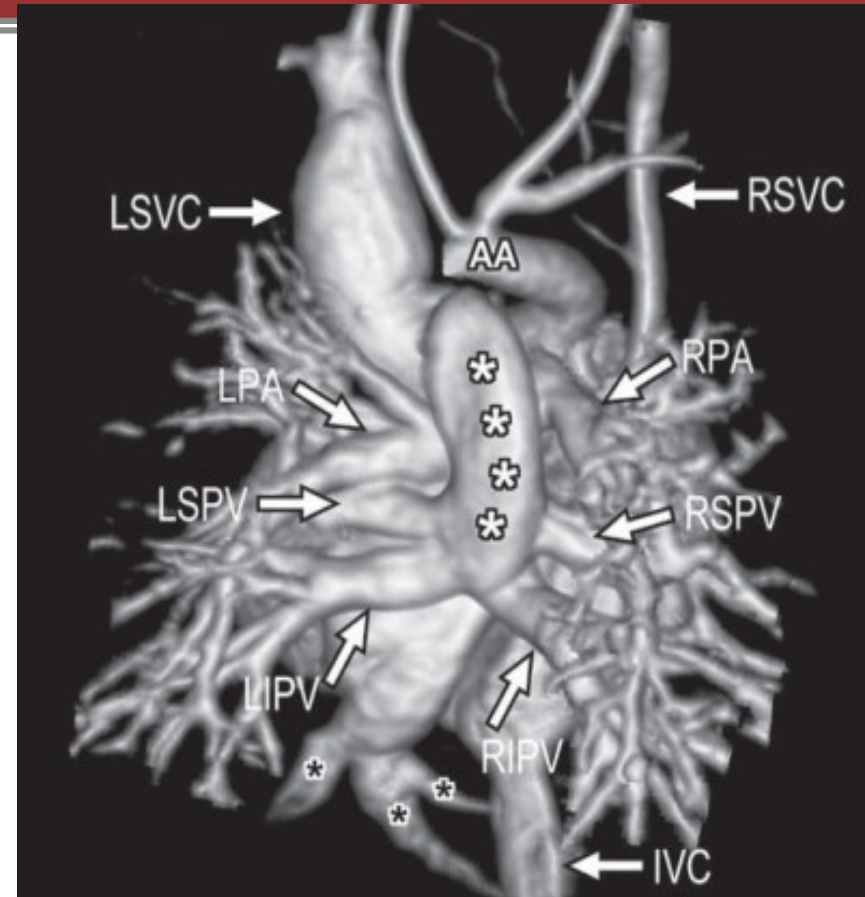
## Prenatal diagnosis of TAPVC

Important for counseling, prognosis and planning for delivery at a center with expertise in pediatric cardiology.

1. As fetal pulmonary blood flow is less in utero, Identification of anomalous pulmonary venous connections is difficult.
2. If RV and PA are enlarged out of proportion to the LV and aorta in utero - then TAPVC is considered
3. (if other causes like CoA, left sided obstructive lesions, AVM are excluded)

# TAPVC- MRI

- MRI is the preferred imaging technique for evaluation of pulmonary venous structures after echocardiography.
- Lack of ionizing radiation and need for single IV bolus gadolinium contrast are advantages of MRI.
- Long time for acquisition and susceptibility for metal artifact are disadvantages.

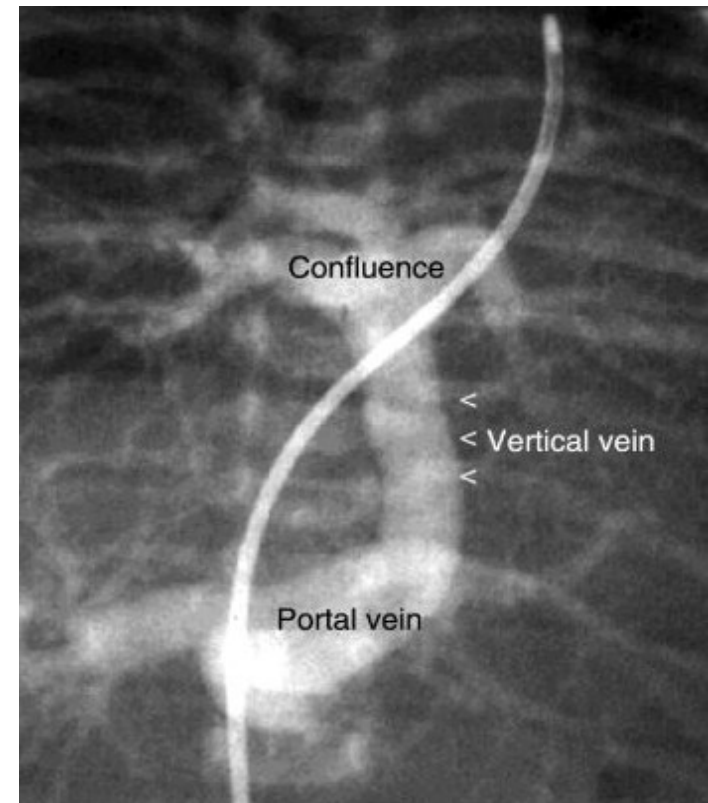


# TAPVC- Cardiac Catheterization

- Rarely performed for TAPVC diagnosis.
- Cardiac cath. is reserved for precise examination of pulmonary veins and their obstruction.
- The pathognomonic finding is oxygen saturation in all chambers and great vessels are nearly identical(80-95%).
- When TAPVC is to left innominate vein or right SVC,
  - SVC blood preferentially flows into tricuspid orifice and
  - IVC blood preferentially shunts into the left atrium,resulting in a pulmonary artery O<sub>2</sub> saturation that may be higher than that in the systemic artery.

# TAPVC- Cardiac Catheterisation

- In infracardiac type, anomalous connection of pulmonary veins via descending vertical vein to portal vein is characteristic and it is termed as **TREE IN WINTER**.



# TAPVC- Differential Diagnosis

## Without obstruction:-

- Large VSD,
- PDA,
- Truncus arteriosus,
- Single ventricle without PS

## (Unlike TAPVC)

1. all have xray/ecg- LA &LVH
2. Heart sounds not multiple
3. Harsher murmurs

# TAPVC- Differential Diagnosis

## With obstruction:-

- Hypoplastic left heart
- COA
- Tricuspid atresia
- Pulmonary atresia

## (UNLIKE TAPVC)

1. Cardiomegaly
2. Increased arterial vascular markings- TGA, hypoplastic left heart
3. Diminished pulmonary vascularity- Tricuspid atresia, PA



# TAPVC- Treatment

Corrective surgery should be performed ASAP

- Mechanical ventilation, inotropic support, diuresis, correction of acidosis & other metabolic problems
- Balloon atrial septostomy/Blade atrial Septostomy:-
  - No longer appropriate
  - Delays definitive procedure
  - Little value if venous channel is obstructed
- Balloon dilatation of obstructed channels-  
UNSUCCESSFUL (Lock & associates)

# TAPVC- Treatment

## TAPVC to coronary sinus

- First described by Van Praagh et al. in 1972
- Common wall of coronary sinus and left atrium is generously excised through a Right atriotomy approach.
- The enlarged interatrial defect comprising of
  - Coronary sinus orifice
  - Original ASD
  - Intervening excised tissue is closed with a patch

# TAPVC- Treatment

## TAPVC to coronary sinus

- These repairs result in drainage of coronary sinus blood into the left atrium.
- Patients with obstruction in
  - The anomalous pulmonary vein at Vein-Sinus junction or
  - In the coronary sinus have been reported.
- A wide anastomosis must be made between pulmonary vein and left atrium

# TAPVC- Treatment

## TAPVC to LIV

- Large Side-Side anastomosis between Lt atrium & the CPV (end – side kinks)
- Subsequently the ASD is closed
- Site of anomalous connection is ligated
- Patch is used for ASD closure
- With minor modifications (TAPVC to Rt SVC/ Umbilico-vitelline system)
- Use of stump of amputated LAA- inadequate opening

# TAPVC- Prognosis

Untreated cases :-

□ **Factors influencing-**

- Size of ASD
- Obstructing lesions in anomalous venous pathways
- State of pulmonary vascular bed

Survey by Keith et.al

□ **50% died at 3 mth**, 80% at 1 year

In TAPVC with obstruction- oldest survivor 4.5 months

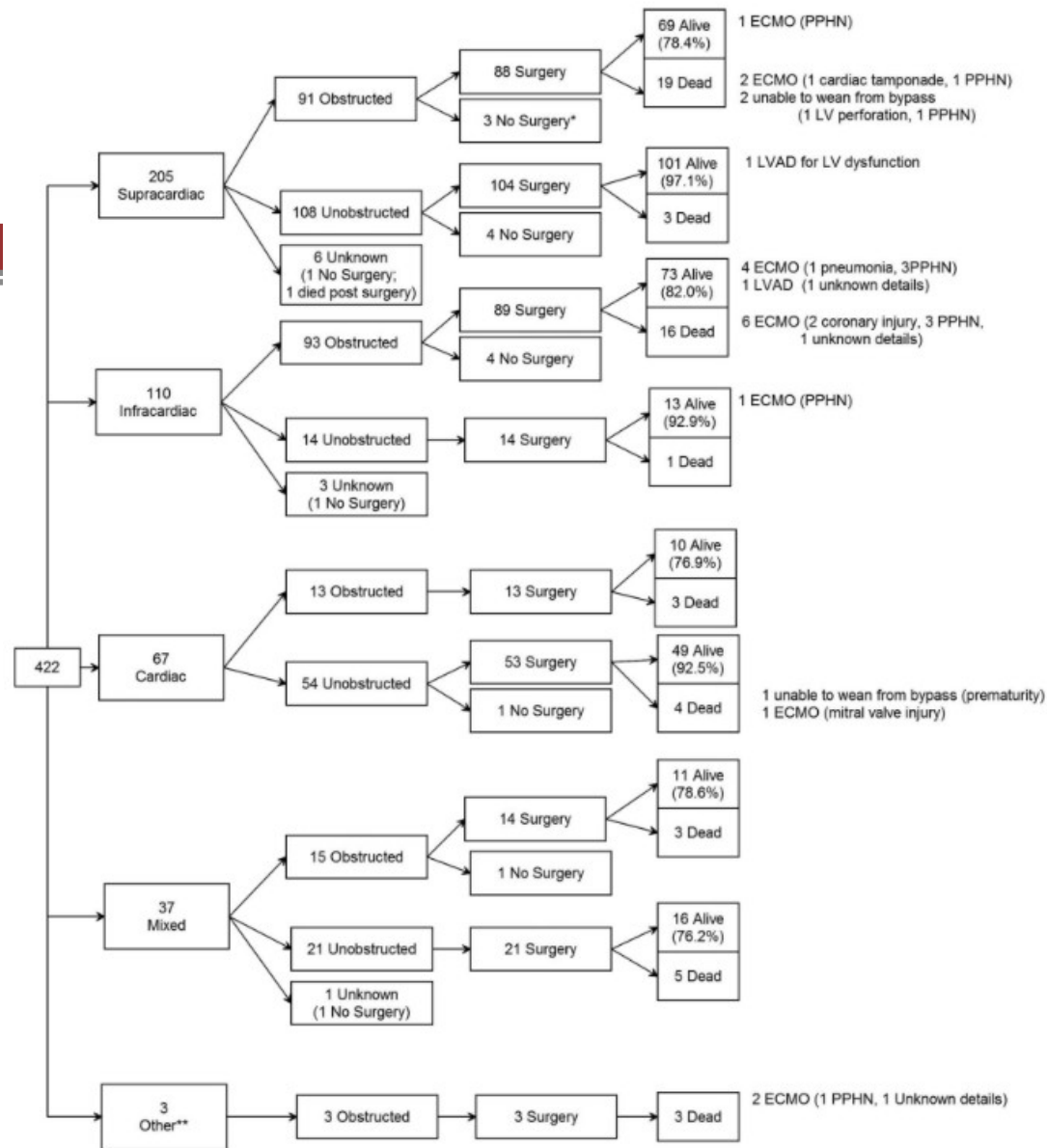
# TAPVC- Prognosis

## Post-operative course

- Long term prognosis appears to depend mainly on
  - State of pulmonary vascular bed at time of operation
  - Adequacy of pulmonary venous- left atrial anastomosis
  - Recurrent pulmonary venous obstruction
- 2D echo with color flow and MRI – useful in evaluating obstruction
- Late arrhythmias-
  - Small no of patients
  - MC- Atrial arrhythmia- sinus bradycardia, Atrial flutter,SVT. VT unusual

# Review article

- One of the largest, contemporary, international, population based studies of TAPVC
- Identified risk factors for Postop PVO
  - Mixed cases
  - Hypoplastic pulmonary veins & confluence
- 40% of patients die by 3 yr



## Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Connection Morphology and Outcome From an International Population-Based Study

Anna N. Seale, MBBChir, MRCP; Hideki Uemura, MD, MPhil, FRCS;

(Circulation, 2010;122)



# Conclusions

- TAPVC is a rare congenital heart anomaly that presents as a surgical emergency in neonatal periods.
- Echocardiography is the diagnostic modality of choice.
- Cardiac catheterization is rarely needed for diagnosis.
- Surgical correction is the definitive treatment.
- Improved surgical techniques and hospital care have led to significantly better outcomes of TAPVC surgery.



**THANK YOU**

# EMBRYOLOGY OF HEART-

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## ANOMALIES OF PULMONARY VEINS

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# PAPVC- *Anatomy*

- RPV to SVC
- RPV to IVC
- LPV to IVC
- LPV to LIV
- Other sites

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# PAPVC- *Anatomy*

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- Other sites

# PAPVC- Physiology

- PAPVC with Intact Atrial Septum

# PAPVC- Physiology

- PAPVC with Atrial Septum Defect

# PAPVC- Clinical Features



# PAPVC- Associated defects



# PAPVC- Diagnostic features

- ECG

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# PAPVC- Diagnostic features

- MRI

# PAPVC- Diagnostic features

- Cath/ Angiography

# PAPVC- Differential diagnosis



# PAPVC- Treatment

- Medical Management

# PAPVC- Treatment

## Surgical

- PAPVC to RA due to malposition of Septum Primum
- PAPVC to RA due to Sinus Venosus defect
- PAPVC to IVC
- PAPVC to Coronary Sinus
- PAPVC of LPA to IV

# PAPVC- Surgical Treatment

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